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1. "TRADE AND HUMAN RIGHTS"

ASSISTANT EDITOR JEAN-ROBERT SANSEACON WRITES IN THE
FRENCH-LANGUAGE DAILY LE DEVOIR(7/18):

"...WE EXPECTED THE WHITE HOUSE TO DO WHAT IT DID. THE
PRESIDENT AND HIS ADVISORS WERE NOT VERY SUPPORTIVE OF
A LAW THAT IS CONTRARY TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES....
HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS, BILL CLINTON
WOULD HAVE SIGNED HELMS-BURTON....WHETHER IT BE WITH
CUBA, VIETNAM OR CHINA, THE GOVERNMENT HEADED BY THE
DEMOCRAT BILL CLINTON PREFERS THE ROAD TOWARD
COMMERCIAL RAPPROCHEMENTS RATHER THAN THAT OF BOYCOTT
OR EMBARGO....THE HELMS-BURTON IS INIQUITOUS BECAUSE IT

IMPOSES ON FOREIGN COUNTRIES THE AMERICAN VISION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT SEEKS TO STARVE THE CUBAN PEOPLE BY DEPRIVING IT OF A RIGHT THAT IS AS FUNDAMENTAL AS THE RIGHT TO VOTE: THE RIGHT TO PRODUCE AND TO TRADE TO SURVIVE AND PROSPER."

2. CHIEF EDITORIALIST J-JACQUES SAMSON WRITES IN THE FRENCH-LANGUAGE DAILY LE SOLEIL (7/18): "THE VISCERAL IMPERIALISM OF THE AMERICANS WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE REALITIES OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE....IT HAS BEEN YEARS SINCE THE ISLAND HAS STOPPED BEING A THREAT TO THE US....COMMUNISM IS A POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FAILURE THAT DOES NOT INSPIRE FEAR AND WHOSE RISK OF CONTAGION DOES NOT EXIST....SOME AMERICANS WERE WRONGFULLY TREATED IN 1959....BUT WE SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT IT WAS THE AMERICANS WHO HAVE SINCE REFUSED ALL NEGOTIATION AND WHO ARE AT LEAST PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION BY STUBBORNLY REFUSING TO TURN THE PAGE....CLINTON HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO PITIFULLY SOUND THE RETREAT AFTER HAVING SHOWN LITTLE LEADERSHIP BY SIGNING SUCH A LAW IN MARCH."

3. "IN CUBA, OUR ETHICAL DOUBLE STANDARD IS ON FULL DISPLAY"
IN THE LEADING TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL (7/18), FORMER OTTAWA POLITICAL CONSULTANT PATRICK BASHAM WRITES THAT "NOW THAT CUBA NO LONGER RECEIVES SOVIET SUBSIDIES, THE CASTRO REGIME ARGUABLY IS WEAKER THAN AT ANY TIME DURING ITS 37-YEAR REIGN OF HUMAN-RIGHTS TERROR. THANKS TO HELMS-BURTON, THE ECONOMIC RETREAT FROM CUBA HAS ALREADY BEGUN. IT IS REALISTIC TO CONCLUDE THAT, WITH CONTINUED EXTERNAL COERCION, CASTRO MAY BE TOPPLED..."

4. "NO DEAL"
THE RIGHT-OF-CENTER VANCOUVER PROVINCE (7/18) CONTENTS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION ON HELMS-BURTON "MERELY POSTPONES THE INEVITABLE: THE DEATH OF AN ARROGANT, MEDDLING PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT HAS OFFENDED VIRTUALLY EVERY ONE OF AMERICA'S TRADE PARTNERS.... CANADA CAN TAKE A MEASURE OF COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT ITS LOBBYING EFFORTS AGAINST HELMS-BURTON WERE HEARD AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE WHITE HOUSE. BUT WE CAN HARDLY SIT BACK NOW AND PROCLAIM VICTORY OVER THIS INTRUSIVE SALUTE TO AMERICAN JINGOISM....WE CANNOT REST UNTIL THE AMERICANS STOP TELLING US HOW AND WITH WHOM TO DO BUSINESS, AND CONSIGN THIS BILL TO THE TRASH HEAP."

5. "HELMS IS RIGHT"
FOREIGN AFFAIRS WRITER ERIC MARGOLIS COMMENTS IN THE CONSERVATIVE OTTAWA SUN (7/19) THAT "HELMS HAS, IN EFFECT, INVOKED THE MONROE DOCTRINE....TODAY, EUROPE STEADFASTLY SUPPORTS CASTRO'S REGIME FOR TWO MAIN REASONS. FIRST, TO PLACATE DOMESTIC LEFTISTS.... SECOND...CUBA OFFERS EUROPEANS A SECURE COMMERCIAL BEACHHEAD IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE....AFTER 150 YEARS OF HESITATION, UNITING EUROPE FEELS READY TO CHALLENGE THE MONROE DOCTRINE....CUBA IS ONLY THE OPENING BATTLE

OF THIS COMING TRADE WAR.
SEN. HELMS SEEMS TO
UNDERSTAND THIS IMPORTANT STRATEGIC REALITY BETTER THAN
ANYONE ELSE IN WASHINGTON."
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6. "CUBA LAW STILL AN AFFRONT"
THE MODERATE EDMONTON JOURNAL (7/18) WRITES THAT THE
PRESIDENT'S ACTION ON HELMS-BURTON "IS PROBABLY THE
BEST WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE PRESIDENT...GIVEN THAT HE'S
GOT AN ELECTION TO WIN IN NOVEMBER....IN NO WAY,
HOWEVER, IS THE MATTER SETTLED....BY TRYING TO PUT THE
SQUEEZE ON COUNTRIES WHICH TRADE WITH CUBA, IT IS AN
AFFRONT T NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY....THE US GOVERNMENT
SHOULD STOP HARASSING FOREIGN COMPANIES...."

7. "DESPAIR THREATEN'S ISRAEL'S SECURITY"
IN THE LIBERAL TORONTO STAR (7/19), FOREIGN AFFAIRS
WRITER GORDON BARTHOS WRITES: "NETANYAHU'S VISION OF A
DEMOCRATIC, DENUCLEARIZED, COOPERATIVE MIDDLE EAST IS
UNDENIABLY ATTRACTIVE. BUT THE BEST MUST NOT BE
ALLOWED TO BECOME AN ENEMY OF THE GOOD. BUILDING PEACE
WITH 2 MILLION PALESTINIANS REMAINS ISRAEL'S MOST
PRESSING PROBLEM, IF ONLY BECAUSE PEACE WITH THE REST
OF THE ARAB WORLD DEPENDS ON IT....THAT IS THE MESSAGE
MUBARAK AND OTHER ARAB LEADERS HOPE TO DELIVER, BEFORE
ANOTHER INTIFADAH IS TOUCHED OFF...."
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SUMMARY

1. THE SENATE TESTIMONY OF ALLEGED DEA INFORMANT "MARIA" RECEIVED WIDESPREAD MEDIA ATTENTION IN COLOMBIA JULY 30. TELEVISION AND NEWSPAPER REPORTS STRESSED HER ALLEGATION THAT ERNESTO SAMPER'S CONVERSATIONS WITH CALI CARTEL KINGPINS DATE TO 1989 AND THAT HE TOLD "MARIA" HE WAS PERSONALLY IN TOUCH WITH CLAUDIA RODRIGUEZ, DAUGHTER OF GILBERTO RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA. THE GOVERNMENT STRUCK BACK VIA A STATEMENT BY PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN CARLOS CASTILLO, WHO SAID "MARIA'S" TESTIMONY "IS CONTRARY TO THE TRUTH AND GRAVELY AND SEVERELY INJURES THE MORAL INTEGRITY OF THE PRESIDENT." CASTILLO ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING LEGAL ACTION. THE PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN SPECULATED THE TIMING OF "MARIA'S" APPEARANCE IN THE SENATE MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO UNDERMINE SAMPER'S TRIP TO FRANCE, BUT INDICATED THE TRIP IS STILL ON (SEPTEL). COLOMBIA'S TWO LARGEST NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED A LIST OF TWENTY-FIVE PROMINENT COLOMBIANS WHOSE U.S. VISAS SENATOR HELMS REPORTEDLY ASKED THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION TO REVOKE. THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER VISA REVOCATIONS, COMBINED WITH REMARKS BY SENATOR HELMS CALLING FOR SUSPENSION OF SOME ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCE ACT BENEFITS FOR COLOMBIA, FEEDS GROWING ANXIETY AND CONCERN OVER THE LIKELIHOOD AND TIMING OF U.S. ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

"MARIA'S" TESTIMONY IS LEAD STORY

2. THE LEAD STORY ON TELEVISION NEWS REPORTS JULY 29 AND IN MAJOR COLOMBIAN NEWSPAPERS JULY 30 WAS THE SENATE TESTIMONY OF ALLEGED DEA INFORMANT "MARIA." THE MEDIA GAVE EXTENSIVE PLAY TO DECLARATIONS BY "MARIA" THAT ERNESTO SAMPER WAS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH CALI CARTEL FIGURES IN 1989 WHEN HE WAS A PRESIDENTIAL PRE-CANDIDATE. "MARIA'S" CLAIM THAT SAMPER TOLD HER HE WAS REGULARLY IN TOUCH WITH CLAUDIA RODRIGUEZ, DAUGHTER OF CARTEL KINGPIN GILBERTO RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA, DREW WIDESPREAD ATTENTION, AS DID HER ASSERTION THAT SAMPER TOOK MONEY FROM THE CARTELS IN RETURN FOR PROMISES TO PREVENT THE EXTRADITION OF THE RODRIGUEZ OREJUELAS AND OTHER LEADING DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

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3. THE GOVERNMENT REACTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE ALLEGATIONS. PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN CARLOS CASTILLO SAID "MARIA'S" TESTIMONY "LACKS ANY VALUE," AND ELABORATED: "...IT WAS EVIDENT FROM THE FIRST DECLARATION OF THE WITNESS 'MARIA' THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE BOTH IN TIME AND PLACE THAT WHAT SHE SAID COULD HAVE HAPPENED. ANALYSIS OF THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE WILL SHOW THAT HE WAS NOT IN THE PLACES, NOR IN THE CITY, NOR AT THE TIME GIVEN BY THE WITNESS. THE DIFFERENT STATEMENTS GIVEN BY 'MARIA' TO DIFFERENT MEDIA MAKE CLEAR THE LACK OF TRUTH IN WHAT SHE SAID, SINCE THERE ARE MANY CONTRADICTIONS. THE WITNESS CHANGES HER STATEMENTS AND IN THIS LATEST ONE CONTRADICTS WHAT SHE SAID PREVIOUSLY. THE DECLARATION

IS CONTRARY TO THE TRUTH AND GRAVELY AND SEVERELY INJURES THE MORAL INTEGRITY OF THE PRESIDENT. AT THIS TIME A TEAM OF LAWYERS IS ANALYZING THE POSSIBILITY OF UNDERTAKING APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION."

4. IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS, CASTILLO SPECULATED THAT THE TIMING OF "MARIA'S" APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SENATE MAY CONSTITUTE AN ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE SAMPER ON THE EVE OF HIS VISIT TO FRANCE, BUT UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 BOGOTA 007288

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INDICATED THAT THE TRIP WILL PROCEED AS SCHEDULED.

5. MUCH WAS MADE OF THE FACT THAT "MARIA" TESTIFIED INCOGNITA ("HOODED," ACCORDING TO ONE ACCOUNT) FROM BEHIND A SCREEN. CASTILLO CLAIMED HER UNWILLINGNESS TO REVEAL HER IDENTITY LEADS TO DOUBTS ABOUT HER RELIABILITY. NEWSPAPERS QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM "MARIA'S" TESTIMONY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SPECULATING AS TO HER REAL IDENTITY AND THE CREDIBILITY OF HER VERSION OF EVENTS.

MORE VISA REVOCATIONS?

6. IN CONNECTION WITH STORIES ABOUT "MARIA," THE MEDIA PUBLISHED A LIST OF TWENTY-FIVE PROMINENT COLOMBIANS, MOST OF THEM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OR MILITARY OFFICIALS, REPORTEDLY NAMED IN A LETTER FROM SENATOR JESSE HELMS TO PRESIDENT CLINTON WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT THEIR VISAS BE REVOKED. LEADING THE LIST IS INTERIOR MINISTER AND SAMPER LOYALIST HORACIO SERPA URIBE; THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT SERPA'S VISA RECENTLY EXPIRED AND HE HAD NOTIFIED THE U.S. EMBASSY HE DOES NOT INTEND TO RENEW IT.

7. RETIRED GENERAL MIGUEL MAZA MARQUEZ, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTAMENTO ADMINISTRATIVO DE SEGURIDAD (DAS -- ROUGH FBI EQUIVALENT), WHOSE NAME ALSO APPEARS ON THE "HELMS LIST," DECLARED HIMSELF "INDIGNANT...I THINK SO MANY INJUSTICES PRODUCE NOT ONLY INDIGNATION, BUT A BIT OF RAGE. I WANT THE WORLD TO SEE MY RESUME TO SEE THAT I'VE NEVER BEEN ACCUSED OF ANYTHING. NEVER IN MY LIFE DID I THINK I'D HAVE TO RESPOND FOR THESE THINGS. MY GOD, WHAT IS HAPPENING TO COLOMBIANS? WHERE DO THEY WANT TO TAKE US? FOR SENATOR HELMS, I'VE GONE FROM A HERO TO A BANDIT."

8. LIBERAL REPRESENTATIVE MIGUEL DE LA ESPRIELLA SAID, "I DON'T

HAVE A VISA FOR THE UNITED STATES, SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SENATOR HELMS ASKS THEM TO TAKE AWAY SOMETHING I DON'T HAVE. I THINK THE SENATOR HAS MORE NOSE THAN BRAINS. I DON'T HAVE A VISA AND I WON'T APPLY FOR ONE. I DON'T NEED IT." FORMER ARMED FORCES CHIEF GENERAL CAMILO ZUNIGA ATTRIBUTED THE APPEARANCE OF HIS NAME ON THE LIST TO "A FORMER RESERVE OFFICER I FIRED FOR CORRUPTION."

9. HELMS'S CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCE ACT BENEFITS FOR "EACH COLOMBIAN INDUSTRY AND PRODUCT EXPLOITED BY NARCO-TRAFFICKERS" ALSO DREW FRONT-PAGE ATTENTION.

COMMENT

10. ALTHOUGH THE TESTIMONY OF "MARIA" APPEARS TO CONTAIN LITTLE NEW INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE, THE ATTENTION GENERATED IN COLOMBIA BY HER APPEARANCE BEFORE THE U.S. SENATE SHOWS THAT, DESPITE SAMPER'S EXONERATION, THE QUESTION OF HIS LINKS TO DRUG TRAFFICKERS AND THE PRESENCE OF DRUG MONEY IN HIS CAMPAIGN CONTINUE TO BE DOMINANT ISSUES HERE. THE PERCEPTION AMONG COLOMBIANS IS THAT AS LONG AS THE USG IS INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT, SAMPER IS NOT OUT OF THE WOODS. HELMS'S LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR VISA REVOCATION AND HIS REMARKS ABOUT ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCES WILL SERVE TO INTENSIFY SPECULATION OVER WHAT NEW MEASURES THE USG PLANS TO TAKE, AND WHEN. GARZA

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FAVOR OF GRANTING MFN TO CAMBODIA. THE LETTERS ARE
ADDRESSED TO THE FOLLOWING:

THE HONORABLE JOHN MCCAIN
THE HONORABLE BOB GRAHAM
THE HONORABLE CHARLES ROBB
THE HONORABLE CRAIG THOMAS
THE HONORABLE JESSE HELMS
THE HONORABLE CLAIRBORNE PELL
THE HONORABLE CAROL MOSELEY BRAUM
THE HONORABLE ARLEN SPECTER
THE HONORABLE THOMAS A DASCHLE
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1. SUMMARY. UKRAINE'S NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR
TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING TERMINATED THE
PRIME-TIME BROADCAST HOURS OF VOA AFFILIATE GALA
RADIO IN KIEV ON JULY 18, ONE MONTH AFTER THE
STATION, WHICH HAS SIGNIFICANT AMERICAN
INVESTMENT, TURNED ITS FIRST PROFIT. THE
STATION'S LICENSE AND PRIME-TIME BROADCASTING
HOURS WERE IMMEDIATELY REASSIGNED TO A RIVAL
STATION OWNED BY THE SON OF ONE OF GALA RADIO'S
UKRAINIAN SHAREHOLDERS. THE AMERICAN INVESTOR IN
THE STATION, JOSEPH LEMIRE, ALLEGES THAT THE
ACTION WAS TAKEN DUE TO HIS REFUSAL TO PAY A BRIBE
TO A UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. MR. LEMIRE'S
ATTORNEYS SAY THAT THEY ALSO OBTAINED INFORMATION

INDICATING THAT A HIGHLY PLACED GOU OFFICIAL MAY BE PART OWNER OF THE RIVAL STATION, WHICH IS CALLED "LIDER." THE OFFICIAL IN QUESTION IS NONE OTHER THAN VIKTOR PETRENKO, CHAIRMAN OF UKRAINE'S NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TV AND RADIO BROADCASTING AND THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF APPROVING RADIO LICENSES.

2. WHETHER OR NOT THE ALLEGATION OF ATTEMPTED EXTORTION AND THE POSSIBILITY OF GOU OWNERSHIP OF THE STATION ARE PROVED TO BE TRUE, THE MANNER IN WHICH GALA RADIO'S LICENSE WAS REVOKED AND REASSIGNED APPEARS TO HAVE VIOLATED UKRAINIAN LAW. MR. LEMIRE REPORTS THAT HE HAS SUFFERED LOSSES APPROACHING HALF A MILLION USD SINCE THE CESSATION OF THE STATION'S BROADCASTS. IN ADDITION, LIDER RADIO IS CURRENTLY BROADCASTING UNDER THE NAME OF GALA RADIO AND USING THE STATION'S JINGLES AND SIGN-ON IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT CONVENTIONS.

3. THE PROBLEMS OF GALA RADIO ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES THAT ARE TYING UP OTHER U.S. BUSINESSES, INCLUDING CARGILL, MONSANTO, AND COCA-COLA, ALL OF WHICH PROBLEMS ARE NOW OCCUPYING EMBOFFS FROM FCS, USIS, POL, AND ECON ON AN URGENT BASIS. THE EMBASSY CONTINUES TO ASSIST MR. LEMIRE, AS IT HAS SENT VARIOUS LETTERS AND DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND HAS MET PERSONALLY WITH GOU OFFICIALS, THOUGH RESPONSE HAS BEEN SLOW, AND EXPLANATIONS ARE STILL NOT FORTHCOMING. THE EMBASSY RSO ALSO CONTINUES TO ASSIST MR. LEMIRE, WHILE MR. LEMIRE'S STAFF AND MR. LEMIRE HIMSELF HAVE BEEN HARASSED BY THE KIEV POLICE. THIS CABLE OCNTINUES THE STORY OF GALA RADIO AS DETAILED IN REFTTEL. END SUMMARY.

EMBASSY EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF GALA RADIO AND OTHER COMPANIES CONTINUE

4.. THE EMBASSY HAS, MEANWHILE, CONTINUED ITS EFFORTS TO HELP. ON AUGUST 12, AMBASSADOR MILLER SENT A LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER PAVLO LAZARENKO ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING THE GALA RADIO MATTER. THE LETTER WAS FOLLOWED BY A MEETING BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND VICE PRIME MINISTER VIKTOR PYNZENYK ON AUGUST 16, AT WHICH TIME THE ISSUE WAS RAISED AGAIN.

5. ON AUGUST 14, MR. LEMIRE MET WITH IVAN KIRILENKO, THE PRIME MINISTER'S CHIEF OF STAFF. MR. KIRILENKO DRAFTED A LETTER UNDER THE PRIME MINISTER'S SIGNATURE THAT WAS SENT TO FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER VASYL DURDYNETS. THE LETTER, ASKING FOR A RECOMMENDATION ON THE GALA RADIO MATTER, WAS RECEIVED BY MR. DURDYNETS ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 15.

6. MR. DURDYNETS THEN ASKED ZYNOVIY KULYK'S

OFFICE FOR A RESPONSE. MR. KULYK, CHAIRMAN OF THE
UKRAINIAN STATE COMMITTEE FOR TELEVISION
AND
RADIO, IS ON VACATION. THEREFORE MR. KULYK'S
DEPUTY VALERIY MEZHYNISKIY DRAFTED A RESPONSE
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RECOMMENDING THAT GALA RADIO BE RETURNED TO THE
AIR ON ITS PRIME-TIME HOURS, WHICH MR. DURDYNETS
RECEIVED SATURDAY, AUGUST 17. MR. DURDYNETS WAS
TO FORWARD THIS RECOMMENDATION TO MR. LAZARENKO,
WHO WOULD RECEIVE THE LETTER EITHER AUGUST 19 OR
AUGUST 20.

7. MR. MEZHYNISKIY CONFIRMED WITH US ON AUGUST 21
THAT HE DID INDEED SEND THE LETTER, MARKED URGENT,
TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE RECOMMENDING THAT
GALA RADIO BE RETURNED TO THE AIR ON THE BROADCAST
HOURS IT HAD BEFORE THE EVENTS OF JULY 18, PENDING
A COURT DECISION ON ALL LEGAL ISSUES INVOLVING
GALA RADIO, LIDER RADIO, AND THE CONDUCT OF MR.
PETRENKO AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

8. MR. KIRILENKO HIMSELF IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR
TO WHICH AGENCY OF GOVERNMENT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
IS ANSWERABLE; NOR IS MR. MEZHYNISKIY. MR.
KIRILENKO SUGGESTS THAT THE SUPREME RADA
(UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT) IS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY
OVER THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, WHILE THE CABINET OF
MINISTERS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE LAWS
THAT CORRESPOND TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL. MR.
MEZHYNISKIY SUGGESTS THAT PERHAPS THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL IS ANSWERABLE TO NO ONE BUT A COURT OF
LAW. MR. MEZHYNISKIY ADVISED THAT THE AMBASSADOR
SHOULD SEND A SECOND LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER,
SINCE HE WOULD NOW HAVE A RECOMMENDATION IN HAND.

9. THE AMBASSADOR THEN SENT A ONE-AND-A-HALF
PAGE LETTER DATED AUGUST 21 TO THE PRIME MINISTER
THAT SUMMARIZED THE LEGAL AND INVESTMENT ISSUES
SURROUNDING GALA RADIO'S DIFFICULTIES IN WHICH HE

ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER FOR PROMPT ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING THE MATTER OF GALA RADIO'S RETURN TO THE AIR, AS WELL AS REVIEW OF THE STATION'S REGIONAL LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL. THE EMBASSY SENT A SOMEWHAT LENGTHIER SUMMARY OF THE ISSUES, DATED AUGUST 21, IN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE EMBASSY SENT A NOTE DATED AUGUST 27 TO ROMAN SHPEK, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL AGENCY FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF UKRAINE, ATTACHING A COPY OF THE AUGUST 21 LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

10. THE EMBASSY SENT LETTERS ON THE MATTER DATED AUGUST 27 TO YURIY MAL'KO AT THE MFA, CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, AND TO DMYTRO MARKIV, PRESS SPOKESMAN FOR PRESIDENT KUCHMA. ON AUGUST 29, EMBOFF DELIVERED THE AUGUST 27 LETTER IN PERSON TO MR. MARKIV AND SPENT HALF AN HOUR ACQUAINTING HIM WITH THE GALA RADIO MATTER AND THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MR. LEMIRE MADE BY MR. MARKIV'S DEPUTY OLEKSANDR KOCHETKOV. MR. MARKIV, JUST BACK FROM VACATION, WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH GALA RADIO'S PROBLEMS AND AGREED THAT THE SITUATION WAS "ROTTEN." HE SAID THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND REPORT TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA'S CHIEF OF STAFF.

11. ON AUGUST 27, THE EMBASSY'S SENIOR COMMERCIAL OFFICER PROVIDED A DRAFT LIST OF THE SERIOUS BUSINESS PROBLEMS NOW BEING ENCOUNTERED BY U.S. COMPANIES TO ANDRIY HONCHARUK, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TRADE UNDER MINISTER SERHIY OSYKA. MR. HONCHARUK OCCUPIES THE OMBUDSMAN POSITION DEFINED IN THE 1992 COMMERCIAL TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND UKRAINE AND IS THE UKRAINIAN COUNTERPART OF JAN KALICKI IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. MR. HONCHARUK HAD BEEN APPRISED OF PROBLEMS REQUIRING URGENT RESOLUTION PREVIOUSLY THROUGH COPIES OF THE AMBASSADOR'S CORRESPONDENCE TO OTHER OFFICIALS IN THE GOU, AS CITED ABOVE. IN ADDITION TO THE GALA RADIO COMPANY, THE LIST OF COMPANIES INCLUDES CARGILL, MONSANTO, AND R&J TRADING. (NOTE: SINCE AUGUST 27, THE LIST HAS GROWN TO INCLUDE COCA-UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 07 KIEV 006448

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ENTERPRISES, LTD., AND OTHERS ARE ON THE WAY.)

12. ON SEPTEMBER 4, THE EMBASSY'S PRESS ATTACHE
AND THE SENIOR COMMERCIAL OFFICER JOINED MR.
LEMIRE FOR A MEETING AT THE CABINET OF MINISTERS,
WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY TWO PERSONS FROM THE CABINET
OF MINISTERS AND TWO PERSONS FROM T
HE NATIONAL

COUNCIL. IN ESSENCE, THE UKRAINIANS, WHO WERE IN
POSSESSION OF MR. MEZHYSKIY'S RECOMMENDATION THAT
GALA RADIO BE RESTORED TO ITS FORMER BROADCASTING
HOURS, PASSED THE BUCK TO THE SUPREME RADA IN THE
PERSON OF VIKTOR PONEDILKO, CHAIRMAN OF THE RADA
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PROVISION OF FREE SPEECH
AND MASS MEDIA. ONE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL SUGGESTED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION HAD BEEN
DUPED BY MR. MALYUTIN, AN UNFORTUNATE PICK OF A
PARTNER BY MR. LEMIRE. AT THIS POINT, MR.
LEMIRE'S UKRAINIAN ATTORNEY CALMLY AND POLITELY
READ THE RIOT ACT TO THE TWO NATIONAL COUNCIL
MEMBERS, INFORMING THEM OF THEIR DUTIES AND
OBLIGATIONS UNDER UKRAINIAN LAW TO ASCERTAIN THE
FACTS AND THE TRUTH INVOLVING AN ENTITY TO WHICH
THEY GRANTED A LICENSE. IT WAS A STELLAR MOMENT
THAT LEFT THE UKRAINIANS SPEECHLESS FOR A FEW
SECONDS. UNFORTUNATELY, IT DID NOT PRODUCE ANY
DISCERNABLE MOVEMENT TOWARD RESOLUTION.

13. IN THE END, THE UKRAINIANS SUGGESTED THAT
ONLY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL COULD RESOLVE THIS ISSUE
LATER THIS MONTH WHEN ALL MEMBERS WOULD BE BACK
FROM VACATION, IN SPITE OF MR. LEMIRE'S PROTESTS
THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL HAD MEMBERS SO ENMESHED
IN THIS CASE THAT THIS BODY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
CONDUCT AN IMPARTIAL REVIEW OF THE MATTER. THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ALSO REQUESTED THAT MR.
LEMIRE FORWARD FOUNDING DOCUMENTS TO THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL FOR REVIEW. MR. LEMIRE RESPONDED THAT
ALTHOUGH THE REQUESTED DOCUMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN
FORWARDED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, SOME BY REGISTERED
MAIL, HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SUPPLY THEM AGAIN.
TOWARD THE END OF THE MEETING, MR. LEMIRE CANDIDLY
DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS GALA RADIO HAD FACED DUE TO
THE REQUEST FOR BRIBES BY PERSONS ON THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS PROFESSED
TO BE SHOCKED.

14. THE EMBASSY'S SENIOR COMMERCIAL OFFICER
INFORMED THOSE AT THE MEETING THAT THE GALA RADIO
CONTROVERSY HAD BEEN RAISED WITH MR. HONCHARUK,
ALONG WITH A HOST OF OTHER AMERICAN BUSINESS
PROBLEMS. THE EMBASSY CONTINUES TO PUSH FOR

OFFICIAL RESPONSES THAT DO MORE THAN SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY TO SOME OTHER PERSON OR TO SOME OTHER TIME.

POLICE CONDUCT

15. THE KIEV POLICE DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 19-23 DETAINED MR. LEMIRE'S STAFF FOR TWO TO FOUR HOURS AT A TIME ON VARIOUS DAYS TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS SUCH AS, "WOULD YOU WORK FOR LIDER/GALA RADIO IF YOU WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY? WOULDN'T YOU RATHER WORK FOR 'ONE OF US' A UKRAINIANQ THAN FOR AN AMERICAN?" (AS A FOREIGNER, MR. LEMIRE BY LAW OWNS ONLY 30 PERCENT OF THE GALA RADIO COMPANY, THE REMAINDER BEING OWNED BY UKRAINIANS.) THE POLICE HAVE ALSO ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GALA RADIO COMPANY'S BOOKKEEPING RECORDS, POSSIBLE MAFIA INVOLVEMENT, AND STAFF TIME/ATTENDANCE AND TAX RECORDS.

16. MR. LEMIRE REPORTS THAT HE HAS NOTHING TO HIDE AND IS WILLING TO PRODUCE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE PROPER FORUM. BUT HE HAS NOT BEEN CHARGED WITH ANYTHING, AND LENGTHY POLICE INTERROGATIONS ARE KEEPING THE UKRAINIAN STAFF WHO REMAIN AT GALA RADIO FROM THEIR WORK, TO SAY NOTHING OF INTIMIDATING THEM. IN THE MEANTIME, UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 KIEV 006448

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THE POLICE APPEAR TO BE DOING NOTHING REGARDING MR. LEMIRE'S CRIMINAL COMPLAINT CHARGING THEFT BY THE RIVAL STATION.

17. ONE PERSON ON THE POLICE FORCE TOLD THE RSO THAT THE POLICE WERE NO LONGER PURSUING THE COUNTER CRIMINAL COMPLAINT FILED BY LIDER RADIO'S GLEB MALYUTIN AGAINST MR. LEMIRE DUE TO ITS LACK OF BELIEVABILITY. THE POLICE NONETHELESS TOLD MR. LEMIRE THAT HE NEEDED TO ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN A ALLEGED MAFIA ABDUCTION OF MR. MALYUTIN. AFTER CONSULTING WITH

THE RSO, MR. LEMIRE FINALLY ALLOWED THE POLICE TO INTERVIEW HIM AT GALA RADIO ON AUGUST 27, WHERE HE TAPED THE INTERVIEW. THE POLICE WANTED TO HEAR MR. LEMIRE'S RESPONSE TO THE COUNTER COMPLAINT AND TOOK DOWN MR. LEMIRE'S DENIAL OF THE ALLEGATIONS IT CONTAINED.

18. MR. LEMIRE ASKED THE OFFICER WHY THE POLICE WERE DOING NOTHING ON HIS CRIMINAL COMPLAINT, TO WHICH THE OFFICER, ON TAPE, RESPONDED THAT THE POLICE COULD DO MORE, BUT THAT THIS CASE WOULD PROBABLY TURN OUT LIKE OTHERS, IN WHICH THE POLICE WOULD GET A CALL FROM A HIGHER-UP TELLING THEM TO STOP INVESTIGATING.

THE MAD BOMBER

19. DESPITE THE POLICE'S INABILITY TO HELP GALA RADIO, THE POLICE NEVERTHELESS ASKED GALA RADIO TO HELP THEM. ON SEPTEMBER 5, A UKRAINIAN DUBBED "THE MAD BOMBER" BY GALA RADIO STAFF CALLED THE POLICE THREATENING TO BLOW UP A SCHOOL IN KIEV UNLESS HE WAS PAID \$600,000. THE MAD BOMBER SAID THAT HE WAS A REGULAR LISTENER OF GALA RADIO AND TOLD THE POLICE, "IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME, I LISTEN TO GALA RADIO EVERY NIGHT, SO HAVE GALA BROADCAST A PHONE NUMBER WHERE I CAN REACH YOU AT 10:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY" (SEPTEMBER 7).

20. THE POLICE CALLED GALA RADIO, NOTING THAT THEY KNEW THE STATION WAS HAVING PROBLEMS, BUT COULD IT HELP THEM OUT ANYWAY? GALA AGREED TO BROADCAST A NUMBER PROVIDED BY THE POLICE. GALA WAS MOVING ITS STUDIO THAT DAY, WHICH LED TO A TECHNICAL PROBLEM STARTING AT 7:30 P.M. WITH THE BROADCASTING TOWER, WHICH SAID THAT THE STATION HAD NOT SIGNED THE RIGHT FORM FOR BROADCAST FROM A NEW LOCATION, IN ADDITION TO WHICH THE TOWER COULDN'T DECIDE BETWEEN TWO OUTLETS INTO WHICH TO PLUG THE STATION. WITH THE MINUTES TICKING, GALA STAFF LITERALLY RAN AROUND FILLING OUT THE FORM, WHILE MR. LEMIRE, SHORTLY BEFORE 10:00 P.M., TOLD THE TOWER IN EXASPERATION TO TRY BOTH OUTLETS, SINCE A WRONG CHOICE WOULD RESULT IN ONLY 15 SECONDS OF DEAD AIR. THE POLICE, CALLING THE STATION EVERY 15 MINUTES STARTING AT 9:00 P.M., CONTINUED TO ASK IF GALA WAS STILL ON BOARD, TO WHICH GALA REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

21. AT 9:58 P.M., THE STATION HIT THE AIR. AT 10:00 P.M., GALA ANNOUNCED ON THE UPPER FM BAND, "YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE. THE NUMBER YOU NEED TO CALL IS" THE MAD BOMBER CALLED THE NUMBER, THE POLICE TRACED THE CALL, AND THEY CAUGHT THEIR MAN. MEANWHILE, THE EMBASSY RSO CONTINUES TO WORK WITH CONTACTS IN THE KIEV POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WITH CONTACTS AT THE PROCURACY ON THE NATIONAL

LEVEL TO RESOLVE GALA'S COMPLAINTS OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT BY MR. MALYUTIN.

UKRAINIAN CONNECTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

22. MR. LEMIRE WAS IN THE UNITED STATES ON BUSINESS AUGUST 18-21 AND RETURNED TO KIEV ON AUGUST 22. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH VARIOUS U.S. AND UKRAINIAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 KIEV 006448

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THE AIDE TO REP. BENJAMIN GILMAN (N.Y.), WHO SERVES ON THE HOUSE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. REP. GILMAN'S AIDE, MARK GAGE, TOLD MR. LEMIRE THAT REP. GILMAN WAS AWARE OF GALA RADIO'S PROBLEMS--AND OF SOME OTHER DIFFICULTIES INVOLVING U.S. COMPANIES IN UKRAINE--AND ASKED MR. LEMIRE TO FORWARD HIM A SUMMARY OF THE MATTER, WHICH REP. GILMAN WOULD SUBMIT TO THE UKRAINIAN EMBASSY FOR A RESPONSE. MR. LEMIRE ALSO SPOKE WITH NATALIA ZARUDNA, COUNSELOR TO UKRAINIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES YURIY SCHERBAK.

23. ACCORDING TO MR. LEMIRE, ATTITUDES AT THE UKRAINIAN EMBASSY SHOW IMPROVEMENT. MS. ZARUDNA TRACKED DOWN HER AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS ON VACATION, TO FILL HIM IN. MS. ZARUDNA REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR SCHERBAK WAS INDIGNANT TO HEAR OF OLEKSANDR KOCHETKOV'S CHARGE THAT MR. LEMIRE HAD DEFRAUDED UKRAINIAN OLYMPIAN OKSANA BAIUL, ADDING THAT AMBASSADOR SCHERBAK HAD HOARD ONLY POSITIVE THINGS ABOUT MR. LEMIRE, AND STATING THAT THE AMBASSADOR PLANNED TO GO TO MR. KOCHETKOV'S SUPERIOR OR HIGHER TO RESOLVE THE ALLEGATION. (MR. KOCHETKOV IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SPOKESMAN DMYTRO MARKIV.)

24. MS. ZARUDNA REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR SCHERBAK WAS ALL THE MORE DISTURBED BECAUSE THIS INCIDENT

HAD UPSET MS. BAIUL AND UKRAINIAN OLYMPIAN VIKTOR PETRENKO (NO RELATION TO THE VIKTOR PETRENKO OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL). MR. LEMIRE REPRESENTS BOTH OLYMPIANS AS A BUSINESS MANAGER AND IS CURRENTLY

ALSO REPRESENTING THE BUSINESS INTERESTS OF UKRAINIAN OLYMPIAN LILIA PODKOPAYEVA. MR LEMIRE HAS BEEN ASKED BY OLYMPIAN VOLODYMYR KLISHCHKO TO REPRESENT HIM AS WELL. MS. BAIUL AND OLYMPIAN VIKTOR PETRENKO ARE CURRENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES AND MET WITH MR. LEMIRE WHILE HE WAS THERE.

25. MS. BAIUL AND OLYMPIAN VIKTOR PETRENKO WERE PLANNING TO INVEST IN A RADIO STATION OUTSIDE OF KIEV THAT WAS TO BECOME OPERATIONAL UNDER GALA RADIO'S 12-CITY REGIONAL LICENSE. THEIR MONEY, HOWEVER, IS NOT AT RISK DURING THE CURRENT DEBACLE, AS MR. LEMIRE HAS BEEN KEEPING IT OUT OF GALA RADIO COMPANY WHILE THE REGIONAL LICENSE IS NOT SECURE. MONEY LOST SO FAR IS THAT OF MR. LEMIRE AND HIS FIANCEE SHELLY LAWRENCE, A U.S. CITIZEN.

26. MS. BAIUL AND MR. PETRENKO SENT A LETTER DATED AUGUST 18 TO AMBASSADOR MILLER ATTESTING TO MR. LEMIRE'S GOOD CHARACTER. MS. BAIUL SENT LETTERS DATED AUGUST 18 AS WELL TO PRESIDENT LEONID KUCHMA, PRIME MINISTER PAVLO LAZARENKO, AND RADA CHAIRMAN OLEKSANDR MOROZ ASKING FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THE GALA RADIO MATTER AND EXPRESSING HER CHAGRIN THAT SHE IS UNABLE TO INVEST IN HER OWN COUNTRY WITH ANY REASONABLE MEASURE OF SECURITY.

27. FINALLY, MR. LEMIRE STATES THAT MS. ZARUDNA TOLD HIM THAT THE UKRAINIANS WHO HAVE TREATED HIM DISHONESTLY ARE MOST LIKELY WILLING TO WAIT HIM OUT, HOPING THAT HE WILL GO AWAY, SINCE HE IS NOT A CORPORATE GIANT.

WISHING FOR JUDGE WOPNER

28. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, NOT EXACTLY IMPARTIAL IN THIS MATTER, HAS SET SEPTEMBER 15 AS THE DAY IT WILL BEGIN HEARINGS ON THE GALA RADIO CASE. GIVEN THAT MR. PETRENKO, THE HEAD OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN REMOVING GALA RADIO FROM THE AIR DURING PRIME-TIME HOURS, AND GIVEN THAT MR. LEMIRE REPORTS THAT MR. PETRENKO'S ASSISTANT ASKED GALA RADIO STAFF FOR A BRIBE TO UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 KIEV 006448

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KEEP THE STATION ON THE AIR, AND GIVEN THAT MR. LEMIRE'S ATTORNEYS THINK THAT MR. PETRENKO MAY OWN AN INTEREST IN THE RIVAL STATION NOW BROADCASTING ON GALA'S FREQUENCY DURING PRIME-TIME HOURS, AND GIVEN THAT MR. MALYUTIN HAS NAMED TWO OTHER NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH A POSSIBLE INTEREST IN THE RIVAL STATION, IT IS HARDLY POSSIBLE THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL CAN CONDUCT A HEARING ON THIS MATTER AS A DISINTERESTED PARTY. MR. LEMIRE IS THEREFORE ANXIOUS TO HAVE GALA RADIO RETURNED TO THE AIR IMMEDIATELY PENDING A DECISION BY A COURT, AS RECOMMENDED TO PRIME MINISTER LAZARENKO BY MR. MEZHYSKIY.

29. ON SEPTEMBER 9, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL INFORMED MR. LEMIRE THAT IT WOULD NOT TAKE THE DOCUMENTS FROM HIM THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL HAD REQUESTED, SINCE MR. LEMIRE HAD INSULTED NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS BY ALLEGING THAT THEY HAD ASKED FOR BRIBES. MR. LEMIRE IS NOW PLANNING A PRESS CONFERENCE FOR SEPTEMBER 16 AT WHICH GALA RADIO WILL LAY OUT THE LEGAL ISSUES FOR THE MEDIA, WHICH ARE REPORTING ON THIS MATTER WITH MORE FREQUENCY.

30. GALA RADIO IS HEMORRHAGING \$2,000-\$3,000 PER DAY AS IT CONTINUES OPERATIONS ON THE LOWER PM BAND AND PAYS STAFF AND BILLS, WHILE THE STATION IS LOSING ADVERTISING CONTRACTS. IN THE MEANTIME, ANOTHER RADIO STATION IN KIEV, RADIO SUPER NOVA, IS EXPERIENCING SIMILAR PROBLEMS. RADIO SUPER NOVA PAID FOR AN 18-HOUR LICENSE IN NOVEMBER 1995, WHILE ANOTHER STATION WITH U.S. BACKING THAT BROADCASTS ON THE SAME FREQUENCY HAS A 12-HOUR LICENSE. UNLESS A 30-HOUR BROADCAST DAY IS INVENTED, PROBLEMS WILL HAVE TO BE DIVVIED UP SOME OTHER WAY.

31. AN AMERICAN CITIZEN NAMED ANDREW RAIN, WHO IS THE MAJOR SHAREHOLDER IN THE COMPA PEREKHID MEDIA ENTERPRISES, LTD. (PME), WHICH REPRESENTS RADIO SUPER NOVA'S COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, NOTES THAT THE RADIO INDUSTRY OVERALL IN UKRAINE IS HAVING BIG PROBLEMS, AND THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL IS "A MESS." MR. RAIN IS HAVING HIS OWN SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES WITH STATE TELEVISION AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, WHICH, MR. RAIN HAS LEARNED, ARE COORDINATING THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH A MAJOR

CRIME FIGURE IN UKRAINE.

COMMENT

32. INFORMATION TO DATE ON GALA RADIO, NOT TO MENTION THE PROBLEMS OF RADIO SUPER NOVA AND PEREKHID MEDIA, DEMONSTRATES THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL'S ACTION IN REASSIGNING GALA RADIO'S PRIME-TIME BROADCAST HOURS WAS PART OF A PRECONCEIVED PLAN. WHILE MR. LEMIRE PROVIDED THE FINANCING THAT MADE GALA RADIO POSSIBLE, MONEY WAS LIKELY BEING SKIMMED FROM GALA RADIO'S OPERATIONS TO CREATE THE RIVAL STATION'S STUDIO THAT IS LOCATED DIRECTLY BENEATH GALA RADIO'S FACILITIES. THE RIVAL STATION THEN TOOK PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE GALA RADIO COMPANY--INCLUDING ITS SIGN-ON, JINGLES, AND MUCH OF ITS CD LIBRARY--TO BEGIN BROADCASTING ON ITS OWN AS "GALA RADIO."

33. THE UNCERTAINTY REGARDING WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL NO DOUBT ACCOUNTS FOR MANY OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL'S BEHAVIOR. MR. KIRILENKO, AFTER WEEKS OF NOT RESPONDING TO MR. LEMIRE, FINALLY SEEMED TO BE DOING HIS BEST TO LOCATE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES WITH SUFFICIENT PERSONAL POWER TO MOVE THINGS ALONG IN A SITUATION THAT IS MUDDY BUT NONETHELESS REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO STEM GALA RADIO'S LOSSES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SEPTEMBER 4 MEETING AT THE CABINET OF MINISTERS APPEARS TO BE THE OUTCOME OF MR. KIRILENKO'S EFFORTS.
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34. THIS SCANDAL ALSO MAY TURN OUT TO HIT THE GOU IN THE POCKETBOOK. VALERIAN SIDORENKO RUNS THE KIEV BROADCASTING TOWER THAT TERMINATED RADIO GALA'S PRIME-TIME BROADCASTS ON THE AUTHORITY OF A LETTER OSTENSIBLY SIGNED BY MR. PETRENKO. MR. SIDORENKO TOLD MR. LEMIRE THAT THE TOWER IS OUT

GALA RADIO'S FORMER MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF USD 22,000 FOR BROADCAST TIME, WHILE HE DOUBTS THE RIVAL STATION WILL PAY FOR ITS BROADCAST TIME, GIVEN THE HISTORY OF PROVISEN RADIO. MR. SIDORENKO TOLD MR. LEMIRE THAT HE WOULD HONOR A RECOMMENDATION FROM PRIME MINISTER LAZARENKO INSTRUCTING THAT GALA RADIO BE RETURNED TO THE AIR DURING PRIME-TIME HOURS.

35. MR. LEMIRE DOES NOT PLAN TO GO GENTLY, WHILE UKRAINIAN BEHAVIOR HAS RESULTED IN HIS ALTERNATING MOODS OF OUTRAGE AND FRUSTRATION, IRONY AND CALM PERSEVERANCE. HE IS WILLING TO BIDE HIS TIME BEFORE GOING TO THE "WALL STREET JOURNAL" OR THE "NEW YORK TIMES" IF HE THINKS THE GOU WILL TAKE STEPS TO RIGHT THE SITUATION, WHICH WILL ALLOW HIM TO PRAISE GOU CORRECTIVE ACTION IF THE STORY MAKES IT TO PRESS.

36. IF NO CORRECTIVE ACTION IS FORTHCOMING, MR. LEMIRE THINKS IT LIKELY THAT HE CAN INTEREST THE WESTERN PRESS NOT ONLY IN GALA RADIO'S PROBLEMS BUT ALSO IN THE CORRUPTION THAT IS HAMSTRINGING OTHER U.S. AND FOREIGN BUSINESSES IN UKRAINE, ON WHICH HE HAS CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION. HE ALSO PLANS TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH SEN. JESSE HELMS REGARDING GALA RADIO IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. THE EMBASSY CONTINUES TO ASSIST MR. LEMIRE. MILLER

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1. SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE SHARED WITH US COPIES OF A RECENT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN SFRC CHAIRMAN SENATOR JESSE HELMS AND HONG KONG GOVERNOR CHRIS PATTEN. SENATOR HELMS, REFERRING TO BEIJING'S INTENTION TO CREATE A HONG KONG PROVISIONAL LEGISLATURE, CRITICIZES THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION FOR REFUSING TO CONDEMN CHINA'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ITS LEGAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION. HE ASKS PATTEN TO TELL THE U.S. THAT GREAT BRITAIN WOULD NOT OBJECT TO "UNEQUIVOCAL U.S. OPPOSITION TO CHINESE VIOLATIONS" OF THE JD. IN REPLY, GOVERNOR PATTEN, WHILE REITERATING HIS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF LEGCO, POINTS OUT THAT HIS OPPOSITION TO THE PL RESTS ON POLITICAL, NOT LEGAL, GROUNDS. PATTEN DOES NOT ADDRESS THE POSITION OF THE USG. TEXTS TRANSMITTED BELOW.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF SENATOR HELMS' LETTER:

OCTOBER 1, 1996

DEAR GOVERNOR:

DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS, CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORTERS OF HONG KONG HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO IMPRESS UPON THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPONDING TO CHINA'S

VIOLATIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, ESPECIALLY CHINA'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WILL APPOINT A PROVISIONAL LEGISLATURE RATHER THAN PERMIT AN ELECTED ONE AS PROMISED.

SO FAR, OUR EFFORT HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION IS TAKING THE POSITION THAT, AS A LEGAL MATTER, IT IS "UNABLE" TO COMMENT ON CHINA'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION. IN JULY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WINSTON LORD TESTIFIED BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT "THE U.S. DOES NOT OFFER LEGAL INTERPRETATIONS OF AGREEMENTS TO WHICH IS NOT A PARTY. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN CASES LIKE THAT OF THE PROPOSED PROVISIONAL LEGISLATURE IN HONG KONG THAT INVOLVE A QUESTION OF TREATY INTERPRETATION, AND WHERE THE PARTIES THEMSELVES HAVE NOT STATED THEIR LEGAL POSITIONS." SECRETARY LORD WENT ON TO SAY "(B)Y THE WAY, THE BRITISH HAVE NOT STATED THEIR LEGAL POSITION."

I BELIEVE THE ADMINISTRATION KNOWS THAT ITS POSITION REGARDING U.S. COMPETENCE TO JUDGE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION IS UNTENABLE AND THAT BY CASTING THE DECISION IN LEGAL TERMS, THE ADMINISTRATION IS ATTEMPTING TO OBFUSCATE ITS ABDICATION (OF) ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE ONLY MAJOR POWER DEVOTED TO DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW. TO MAKE THIS ABDICATION LESS OBVIOUS, THE ADMINISTRATION APPEARS TO BE HIDING BEHIND ITS LAWYERS AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

MY COLLEAGUES AND I BELIEVE WE CAN HANDLE THE LAWYERS. BUT ONLY YOUR GOVERNMENT CAN REMOVE THE OTHER OBSTACLE TO A STRONG U.S. POSITION ON CHINESE COMPLIANCE WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION. IT WOULD BE A VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT INDEED IF GREAT BRITAIN WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT GREAT BRITAIN DOES NOT OBJECT (1) TO THE U.S.'S COMMON SENSE READING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND (2) TO UNEQUIVOCAL U.S. OPPOSITION TO CHINESE VIOLATIONS.

THERE IS STILL TIME FOR A MORE AGGRESSIVE U.S. POSTURE ON THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER, THE ADMINISTRATION IS BEHAVING AS IF IT HAS ACCEPTED CHINA'S PLAN TO APPOINT A NEW BODY TO REPLACE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTED IN 1995.

THERE IS NO TIME TO SPARE. THE CONSEQUENCES OF CONTINUING CURRENT U.S. POLICY WILL BE ENORMOUS AND IRREVERSIBLE. HONG KONG'S FRIENDS MUST TRY TO CHANGE THIS POLICY. GREAT BRITAIN IS SURELY CHIEF AMONG THIS GROUP OF FRIENDS AND SHE HAS A UNIQUE ROLE TO PLAY.

SINCERELY,

/S/

JESSE HELMS

UNITED STATES SENATE

END TEXT.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF GOV. PATTEN'S RESPONSE:

17 OCTOBER 1996

DEAR SENATOR,

(HEADER:) PROVISIONAL LEGISLATURE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 1 OCTOBER 1996.
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THE POSITION OF THE BRITISH AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS ON THE QUESTION OF A PROVISIONAL LEGISLATURE IS CLEAR AND UNSHAKABLE. IT REMAINS OUR FIRM JUDGEMENT THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1995 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE OPEN AND FAIR, AND ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW. THERE CAN ALSO BE NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER ABOUT PUBLIC ACCEPTABILITY OF THE ELECTIONS: THE RECORD NUMBER OF CANDIDATES AND THE RECORD VOTER TURNOUT SPEAK VOLUMES. WE SEE NO REASON WHY THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, PROPERLY ELECTED AND WITH A CLEAR MANDATE, SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO SERVE THE NORMAL FOUR-YEAR TERM. WE CAN SEE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR A PROVISIONAL LEGISLATURE.

THE POSITION UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW, IS QUITE STRAIGHT-FORWARD. THE JOINT DECLARATION SAYS THAT THE LEGISLATURE OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION SHALL BE CONSTITUTED BY ELECTIONS. THE BASIC LAW AND THE ASSOCIATED NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS DECISIONS SET OUT IN SOME DETAIL HOW THE FIRST SAR LEGISLATURE IS TO BE ELECTED. NEITHER THE JOINT DECLARATION NOR THE BASIC LAW MAKES ANY MENTION OF A PROVISIONAL LEGISLATURE. IF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WERE TO PROCEED TO ESTABLISH SUCH A BODY, IT WOULD BE FOR THEM TO EXPLAIN THE COMPATIBILITY OF THEIR ACTION WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW.

A PROVISIONAL LEGISLATURE IS STILL A HYPOTHETICAL INSTITUTION AT THIS STAGE. LAWYERS ARE, QUITE UNDERSTANDABLY, RELUCTANT TO FORM DEFINITIVE VIEWS ON THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF THINGS WHICH HAVE NOT YET HAPPENED. FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, THE JUDGEMENT HAS TO BE POLITICAL RATHER THAN LEGAL. ON THAT, THE BRITISH AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS ARE UNEQUIVOCAL. THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND OTHER MINISTERS HAVE ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS PUT OUR POSITION TO THE CHINESE SIDE IN UNAMBIGUOUS TERMS. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS SAID PUBLICLY THAT THE IDEA OF A PROVISIONAL LEGISLATURE IS "REPREHENSIBLE AND UNJUSTIFIABLE". HE HAS REPEATED OUR POSITION AGAIN RECENTLY AT HIS MEETING WITH CHINESE VICE PREMIER QIAN QICHEN IN NEW YORK.

WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO THE CHINESE SIDE THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROVISIONAL LEGISLATURE AT ANY TIME IS NOT SOMETHING

WHICH WE CAN JUSTIFY IN TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION OR THE BASIC LAW, AND THAT THE ONUS WILL FALL ON THEM TO EXPLAIN HOW IT SQUARES WITH THE TWO DOCUMENTS. WE HAVE FURTHER REMINDED THE CHINESE SIDE THAT IF THEY SET UP A QUESTIONABLE INSTITUTION UNDER QUESTIONABLE CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS INSTITUTION WILL CERTAINLY BE QUESTIONED. THERE WILL BE NO HELP FROM US IN DEALING WITH ANY LEGAL CHALLENGE WHICH MAY ARISE.

IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS AHEAD, WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE ALL AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO PERSUADE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT NOT TO EMBARK ON A COURSE OF ACTION WHICH WOULD RUN PROFOUNDLY AGAINST HONG KONG'S INTERESTS. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WILL RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION. IN THE MEANTIME, HONG KONG WELCOMES THE CONTINUED ATTENTION OF FRIENDS AND PARTNERS ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

YOURS SINCERELY,

/s/

C. PATTEN
GOVERNOR

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"ECONOMIC INSTITUTES CRITICIZE WAIGEL'S HECTIC
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"BONN GOVERNMENT MISSES MAASTRICHT CRITERIA IN 1997"
(DIE WELT)

"HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES CUT OFF FROM ANY
ASSISTANCE" FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU)

"EXPERTS DOUBT THAT BONN GOVERNMENT WILL MEET
REQUIREMENTS FOR EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION" (FRANKFURTER
RUNDSCHAU)

"GERMANY'S MATURITY FOR EURO UNCERTAIN"
(GENERAL-ANZEIGER)

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OF THE SIX LEADING GERMAN ECONOMIC INSTITUTES ON THE
FUTURE GERMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

- B. (MIDDLE EAST) PEACE TALKS

UDO PHILIPP COMMENTED ON NATIONAL RADIO STATION
DEUTSCHLANDFUNK OF COLOGNE (10/30):

"AFTER SEVERAL NEGOTIATING ROUNDS, ISRAELIS AND
PALESTINIANS DEMONSTRATED AGAIN THAT THE TALKS HAVE GOT
BOGGED DOWN, BUT THE AMERICANS ALSO SHOWED THAT THEIR
POSSIBILITIES TO INFLUENCE EVENTS ARE MORE THAN LIMITED
IN PARTICULAR NOW SHORTLY BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTIONS. AND NOW THE EUROPEANS HAVE APPOINTED A
SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE TALKS AS IF THEY COULD SUCCESSFULLY
STEP INTO THE BREACH AND SAVE SOMETHING THAT CAN NO
LONGER BE SAVED.

"THIS SEEMS TO BE DARING, IF NOT STUPID FOR SEVERAL

REASONS: IT IS TRUE THAT EUROPE TRIED SEVERAL TIMES
BEFORE TO PLAY A POLITICAL ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST...BUT
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THE EUROPEANS ALWAYS HAD TO REALIZE THAT, AFTER THE END
OF THE COLD WAR IN PARTICULAR, THEY ARE HARDLY ABLE TO
EXERT ANY INFLUENCE AT ALL.... IT WILL SOON BECOME CLEAR
FOR THE EUROPEANS WHAT U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, WARREN
CHRISTOPHER, REITERATED SEVERAL TIMES: OUTSIDE PARTIES
CAN BE ONLY A CATALYZER OF THE PEACE PROCESS.... IT
REMAINS UNCLEAR WHAT THE EUROPEANS WANT TO ACHIEVE IN
SUCH A SITUATION; INCONSIDERATE MOVES AS WELL AS EMPTY
WORDS WILL ONLY BE DETRIMENTAL."

C. (U.S.-EUROPE) HELMS-BURTON ACT

1. CHRISTIAN WERNICKE NOTES IN A REPORT IN
LEFT-OF-CENTER WEEKLY DIE ZEIT OF HAMBURG (10/30) UNDER
THE HEADLINE:

"DUST HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM ARMS."

"AS ALWAYS BEFORE, THE EU AGREEMENT CAME AT THE LAST
MOMENT. WHEN THE EU FOREIGN MINISTERS DECIDED MONDAY
NIGHT TO ACHIEVE A BALANCE OF ARMS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST
ROUGH U.S. TIDES
SANCTIONS AND THREATENED DRASTIC
COUNTERMEASURES, THE EU LEGAL ADVISORS HAD TO SEARCH FOR
A LONG TIME TO FIND A CLUB THAT CAN BE USED AGAINST THE
UNITED STATES. THIS TIME, ONE COMMON OPPONENT, THE
GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON, UNIFIED THE EUROPEANS. LAST
SUMMER, WASHINGTON'S LAST COLD WARRIORS WITH
ARCH-CONSERVATIVE SENATOR JESSE HELMS AT THE TOP PUSHED
THROUGH A BILL IN CONGRESS THAT THREATENED THE MANAGERS
OF MANY INTERNATIONALLY OPERATING COMPANIES (WITH
SANCTIONS) AND THREATENED LAWSUITS AGAINST COMPANIES (WHO
STRUCK DEALS WITH CUBA).... THIS PAX AMERICANA WAS EVEN
SUPPLEMENTED WITH DUBIOUS EMBARGO ACTS AGAINST LIBYA AND
IRAN....

"WHAT THE EU FOREIGN MINISTERS ADOPTED IS A VERY

SELF-CONFIDENT LIST OF COUNTERMEASURES.... INDEED, THE RESULT OF THEIR TALKS...WILL REALLY GIVE THE EU MUSCLE IF THE CONFLICT IS TO ESCALATE INTO A TRADE WAR AFTER THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, THE PAINSTAKING EFFORTS WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TOOK TO AGREE ON ONE PIECE OF PAPER LOOKED RATHER FRAGILE...."

2. ALOIS BERGER HAS THIS TO SAY IN AN EDITORIAL IN LEFT-OF-CENTER DIE TAGESZEITUNG OF BERLIN (10/30 UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"SELF-CONFIDENT AGAINST ORDERS FROM THE TOP."

"IN RARE UNANIMITY, THE EUROPEANS HAVE NOW ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE FROM THE UNITED STATES. THE EU FOREIGN MINISTERS NOT ONLY PROTESTED BUT THEY ALSO AGREED ON UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 06 BONN 016384

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SOUND COUNTERMEASURES. HOWEVER, THEY ARE CERTAINLY NOT INTERESTED IN PROTECTING CUBA'S REVOLUTIONARY LEADER OR IRAN' MULLAHS BUT THEY ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN DEFENDING THEIR OWN INTERESTS. NEVERTHELESS, THE EU MEMBE COUNTRIES ARE PRAYING THAT THEIR COUNTERMEASURE HAVE NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED. A TRADE WAR IS NOT I THE INTEREST OF THE EU THAT PREFERS FREE TRADE. ON THE CONTRARY, MANY EU MEMBERS HOPE THAT THE .S. GOVERNMENT WILL FIND ITS WAY BACK TO A MORE ATIONAL POLICY AND THE CONTROVERSIAL SANCTIONS WLL BE SOFTENED IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH SIDES....

"HOWEVER, THE ANTI-BOYCOTT RULES ARE ALSO ASIGN THAT THE EU HAS SET FOR ITSELF. FOR MORE TAN 50 YEARS, THE UNITED STATES HAS DETERMINED TH RULES OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY ACCORDING TO ITS TATE. ONLY RECENTLY, THE VIEW GREW IN THE EU THAT COMMON EUROPE IS STRONG ENOUGH TO HAVE A SAY ONAN EQUAL BASIS. HOWEVER, THE EU GOVERNMENTS HADNOT DARED TO IMPLEMENT THIS VIEW IN THEIR POLICIS.... THIS SEEMC TO CHANGE NOW. BUT THE REAL TST IS STILL TO COME. THE CONTROVERSY ABOUT THE IMPRTS OF HORMONE MEAT' FROM THE UNITED STATES WIL SHOW WHETHER THE NEW SELF-CONFIDENCE FROM LUXEMOURG WAS ONLY

A FLASH IN THE PAN."

D. (AFRICA) ZAIRE, BURUNDI, RWANDA

1. LEFT-OF-CENTER WEEKLY DIE ZEIT OF HAMBURG (10/30) CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL BY BARTHOLOMAEUS GRILL UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"AFRICA'S AGONY."

"ETHNIC CLASHES ARE ENGULFING THE REGION AND THE WORLD IS HELPLESSLY WATCHING. BUT WHAT COULD FOREIGN INTERVENTION FORCES ACHIEVE? THE UNITED NATIONS LACKS THE MILITARY MEANS, AND THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE ARE IN TWO OPPOSING CAMPS. THE GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON IS SHOWING SUPPORT FOR THE TUTSI AND RWANDA, WHILE THE PARIS GOVERNMENT IS CULTIVATING INTENSE CONTACTS WITH THE HUTU AND ZAIRE. WHAT CAN BE DONE? IN THE END, THE ONLY THING THAT REMAINS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS THE WEAK CONFIDENCE IN ZAIRE, ENDLESS DIPLOMACY, AND THE HOPE FOR THIS MIRACULOUS FORCE OF RECONCILIATION, WHICH THIS DOWNTRODDEN CONTINENT HAS PROVEN AGAIN AND AGAIN - IN BIAFRA, NAMIBIA, UGANDA AND SOUTH AFRICA. IN THE END, AFRICA MUST HELP ITSELF."

2. MICHAEL BIRNBAUM OPINES IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (10/30) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"VIOLENT SOLUTION TO HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS."
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"CHAOS IS PREVAILING IN EASTERN ZAIRE. EVERYBODY WHO SAYS SOMETHING REGARDING THIS CRISIS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE, IS SPEAKING OF THE MOST DANGEROUS CRISIS IN AFRICA. THEY SAY THAT NOT ONLY ZAIRE IS THREATENED WITH ITS DISSOLUTION BUT THE NEIGHBORING

STATES OF BURUNDI AND RWANDA COULD ALSO BE SUCKED IN BY THE MAELSTROM OF VIOLENCE. BUT NOTHING HAPPENS THAT

COULD CONTAIN THE CRISIS. WHY IS THIS SO? AS CRUEL AS IT MAY SOUND IN VIEW OF THIS HUMANITARIAN DISASTER, THERE IS ONLY ONE EXPLANATION FOR THIS INTERNATIONAL INACTIVITY: THE CRISIS THAT CAN HARDLY BE CONTROLLED ANY LONGER IS CONSIDERED A CHANCE TO FORCE THE HUTU REFUGEES, WHO HAVE REFUSED FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS TO RETURN TO RWANDA TO CROSS BORDERS AGAIN. THE UNITED STATES AND THE EU CALL UPON THEM TO DO SO BUT TO NO AVAIL. NOW ANARCHY AND VIOLENCE SEEM TO BRING A SOLUTION."

3. RIGHT-OF-CENTER BERLINER KURIER (10/30) NOTES:

"THE REFUGEES IN ZAIRE HAVE HARDLY ANY OTHER CHOICE BUT TO CHOOSE DEATH. THEY CAN DIE FROM HUNGER, THIRST OR CAN HAVE MARAUDING SOLDIERS KILL THEM, BUT THEY CANNOT HOPE FOR HELP. THE WESTERN WORLD WILL NOT SEND AN ARMY TO KIVU LAND - SINCE, WHAT CAN THE PEOPLE OFFER APART FROM HUNGER? WHEN TWO YEARS AGO, THE HUTUS WERE SLAUGHTERED IN RWANDA AND IN NEIGHBORING ZAIRE, NOBODY TOOK EVEN EFFORTS TO COUNT THE DEAD; A ROUGH ESTIMATE WAS ENOUGH.... AND EVEN NOW THE VICTIMS ARE COUNTED ONLY BY THE HUNDREDS, AND TOMORROW MAY BE BY THE THOUSANDS. AGAIN THE CIVILIZED WORLD IS ISSUING ITSELF A CERTIFICATE OF POVERTY. THEIR APPEALS WILL NOT FILL ANY STOMACH AND WILL NOT SAVE ONE SINGLE LIFE."

4. CENTRIST MANNHEIMER MORGEN (10/30) JUDGES:

"IT IS UNBELIEVABLE: IN ZAIRE, ONE MILLION PEOPLE ARE THREATENED BY A HUNGRY DEATH AND THE GLOBAL PUBLIC IDLY WATCHES. THE CRISIS REGION HAS TURNED INTO THE GREATEST REFUGEE CAMP IN THE WORLD. INTERNATIONAL CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS MUST CAPITULATE IN ORDER TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THEIR STAFF MEMBERS. IN THE MEANTIME, ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THERE WILL BE A GREAT SHOWDOWN IN ZAIRE, BUT THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE MAJOR POWERS DO NOT DO ANYTHING. OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO THAN TO TACKLE A PROBLEM THAT IS FAR AWAY FROM INTERNATIONAL INTEREST.

"UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE ONLY SMALL INDICATIONS THAT THE ACTORS IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION COMING BACK TO THEIR SENSES. ZAIRE AS A STATE ONLY EXISTS ON PAPER. THE AILING DICTATOR MOBUTU HAS TAKEN OFF HIS LEOPARD SKIN AND UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 06 BONN 016384

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IS NOW RESIDING IN A HOTEL SUITE IN SWITZERLAND FOR 2,400 SWISS FRANCS A DAY. AFTER A CANCER OPERATION HIS CHANCES TO SURVIVE ARE BLEAK, BUT IF HE DIES, THE VAST FUEL DEPOT IN HIS COUNTRY COULD BLOW UP WITH A LOUD BANG."

E. (IRAQ) OIL EXPORTS

KARL GROBE POINTS OUT IN AN EDITORIAL IN
LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (10/30 UNDER THE
HEADLINE:

"OIL FOR FOOD."

"4,500 CHILDREN DIE IN IRAQ FROM HUNGER AND DISEASES EVERY MONTH. UNICEF IS NOW RIGHTFULLY CALLING FOR HELP. HOWEVER, IT ONLY INDIRECTLY POINTS TO THE SCANDAL THAT CAUSES THE DYING OF CHILDREN. IT IS LINKED TO THE TIDE BAN THAT HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON THE BAGHDAD REGIME SINCE THE END OF THE GULF WAR.... IRAQ WOULD BE RICH ENOUGH TO BUY ENOUGH FOOD AND MEDICINE, BUT BECAUSE OF THE U.N. SANCTIONS, IT IS NOT ALLOWED TO SELL ANYTHING THAT COULD YIELD FOREIGN EXCHANGE....

"THE ARGUMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON THAT SUCH AN OPENING WOULD STABILIZE THE DICTATORSHIP DOES NOT HAVE ANY UPRIGHTNESS AT ALL, SINCE IT IMPLIES THAT EVERY IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY WOULD SUPPORT SADDAM HUSSEIN'S RULE. BUT THIS IS THEN ALSO TRUE FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WHICH IS FINANCED FROM OTHER RESOURCES. BUT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT DEMAND A BAN ON SUCH FINANCING. IT WOULD BE UPRIGHT AND POLITICALLY CORRECT TO HAVE IRAQ PAY WITH REVENUE FROM OIL SALES FOR FOOD AND MEDICINE. THIS SHOULD BE CLEARLY CONTROLLED FOR THE CHILDREN'S SAKE WHO ARE EVEN LESS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DICTATORSHIP IN BAGHDAD THAN THOSE WHO HAVE SO FAR NOT SUPPORTED IT."

F. (U.S.) HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (10/30)
CARRIES AN EDITORIAL UNR THE HEADLINE:

"THE RIGHT OF THE VICTIMS
FOR THE TRUTH."

"WE OWE ALFONSE D'AMATO A GREAT CREDIT: HE DIRECTED THE WORLD'S ATTENTION TO THE UNRESOLVED QUESTION OF THE DISAPPEARED AND ROBBED ASSETS OF THE HOLOCAUST VICTIMS. HE PROMPTED SWITZERLAND TO SERIOUSLY ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM. HOWEVER, THE WAY IN WHICH D'AMATO GENERALIZES HIS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT IN BERN IS CREATING UNEASE.

"THE SENATOR DOES NOT GIVE A DAMN ABOUT RESEARCH ON

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HISTORY, CONTEXTS, AND IMPORTANT DETAILS. HE PRESENTS
INDIVIDUAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE DOCUMENTS AS CONCLUSIVE
EVIDENCE. AS IF INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ARE THE PARAGONS
OF TRUTH...BUT TRUTH IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. THE
DESCENDANTS OF THE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS SHOULD NOT BE
FOOLED AND DISAPPOINTED WITH SPECULATIONS AND
HALF-TRUTHS. THIS IS WHY THE QUESTION OF JEWISH ASSETS
SHOULD NOT BE TURNED INTO A PLAYGROUND FOR POLITICAL
OPPORTUNISTS.... IT SHOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF ALL
COUNTRIES INVOLVED TO COORDINATE THE SEARCH FOR THE
HISTORICAL TRUTH. THEN IT WOULD BE GUARANTEED THAT THE
CREDITABLE RESEARCH WOULD GO ON EVEN AFTER THE U.S.
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS."

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SUBJECTS COVERED IN THIS REPORT:

CLINTON'S SECOND TERM AND ISRAEL

KEY STORIES IN THE MEDIA:

IN ADDITION TO EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE OUTCOME OF THE U.S. ELECTIONS, THE PRESS SPECULATED ON THE IDENTITIES (AND ATTITUDES TOWARD ISRAEL) OF THE NEXT STATE AND DEFENSE SECRETARIES, AS WELL AS ON THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER. CHANNEL 2-TV JUXTAPOSED VIDEO CLIPS OF SMILING CLINTON AND PERES AND CLIPPINGS SHOWING A SOMBER LOOKING PRESIDENT AND NETANYAHU.

THE PRESS QUOTED AMBASSADOR INDYK AS SAYING, "THOSE ISRAELIS WHO FEAR THAT CLINTON WOULD NOW LEAN ON THE NETANYAHU GOVERNMENT DO NOT UNDERSTAND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY." MAARIV ADDED, "INDYK DID NOT CONCEAL HIS DELIGHT OVER CLINTON'S REELECTION. THE AMBASSADOR SAID, 'THE ROLE OF THE U.S. IS TO ASSIST AND MEDIATE BETWEEN THE PARTIES. CLINTON HAS ALWAYS HAD A WARM AND SPECIAL ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL.'" THE PRESS ALSO REPORTED THE AMBASSADOR AS SAYING, "CLINTON WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE THE (M-E PEACE) MISSION COMPLETED. THE PRESIDENT FEELS PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO SEE THROUGH RABIN'S PEACE LEGACY."

ISRAEL RADIO REPORTED THAT GENERAL SHALIKASHVILI AGAIN CANCELLED A SCHEDULED VISIT TO ISRAEL. JERUSALEM FEARS THAT THIS TIME, TOO, THE CHANGE OF PLANS IS MEANT TO INDICATE THE ADMINISTRATION'S DISPLEASURE WITH ISRAEL'S PEACE POLICIES, SAID THE RADIO REPORT.

CLINTON'S SECOND TERM AND ISRAEL:

SUMMARY:

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT UDI SEGAL OBSERVED ON IDF RADIO: "EVEN BEFORE THE U.S. PUBLIC FINISHED VOTING, NETANYAHU WENT ON ISRAEL TV TO DECLARE THAT NO U.S. PRESIDENT IS GOING TO TWIST HIS ARM."

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DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT SHIMON SHIFFER REPORTED IN MASS-CIRCULATION, PLURALIST YEDIOT: "JERUSALEM HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED NUMEROUS SIGNALS THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL TRY TO BRING ABOUT A U.S.-IRANIAN RAPPROCHEMENT."

INDEPENDENT HA'ARETZ EDITORIALIZED, "IT WILL BE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE TO MOBILIZE THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY AGAINST ONE OF THE MOST FRIENDLY PRESIDENTS ISRAEL HAS EVER HAD."

ANALYST AKIVA ELDAR WROTE IN INDEPENDENT HA'ARETZ: "NETANYAHU'S ASSOCIATES SAY THAT IF THE PRESIDENT PICKS UP A FIGHT, BIBI WOULD FIGHT BACK."

BLOCK QUOTES:

I. "NETANYAHU'S MESSAGE TO CLINTON"

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT UDI SEGAL OBSERVED ON IDF RADIO (11/6): "EVEN BEFORE THE U.S. PUBLIC FINISHED VOTING, NETANYAHU WENT ON ISRAEL TV TO SEND A MESSAGE TO BOTH HIS FELLOW ISRAELIS AND TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON. NETANYAHU DECLARED THAT NO U.S. PRESIDENT IS GOING TO TWIST HIS ARM. HE THEN WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE THAT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS ARE NOT EVERYTHING NETANYAHU'S ASSOCIATES REJECT THE NOTION THAT CLINTON CANNOT

WAIT TO PUT THE SCREWS TO THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER. THEY SAY THEY FORESEE NO CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL - WITH THE EXCEPTION, PERHAPS, OF SOME CHANGES OF NUANCE. WELL, IT IS PRECISELY THESE CHANGES OF NUANCE IN WASHINGTON'S BEHAVIOR WHICH AMOUNT TO WHAT WE CALL U.S. PRESSURE."

II. "THE MIDDLE EAST AWAITS CLINTON"

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT SHIMON SHIFFER REPORTED IN MASS-CIRCULATION, PLURALIST YEDIOT (11/7): "SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THAT DURING HIS SECOND TERM IN OFFICE, PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL DEEPEN HIS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATIONS. ISRAELI OFFICIALS ALSO BELIEVE THAT ISRAELI-SYRIAN NEGOTIATIONS WILL REMAIN RATHER STATIC OWING TO THE OPPOSITION IN THE REPUBLICAN-CONTROLLED CONGRESS TO CLOSE TIES WITH TERROR-SUPPORTING SYRIA. CLINTON IS EXPECTED TO PUSH FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE SYRIAN TRACK BUT NOT TO PRESSURE ISRAEL TO MAKE ANY ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 TEL AVIV 016596

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ABOUT FULL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE GOLAN. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, JERUSALEM HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED NUMEROUS SIGNALS THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON WOULD TRY TO BRING ABOUT A U.S.-IRANIAN RAPPROCHEMENT. CLINTON MAY USE A SECRET CHANNEL TO THAW BILATERAL RELATIONS AND, LATER, SETTLE FINANCIAL CLAIMS."

III. "A SECOND-TERM PRESIDENT"

INDEPENDENT HA'ARETZ EDITORIALIZED (11/7): "IT IS IN ISRAEL'S BEST INTEREST TO AVOID DOING ANYTHING THAT WILL CREATE TENSIONS WITH ITS MOST IMPORTANT ALLY. HARMONIOUS RELATIONS WITH U.S. POWER BASES ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ISRAEL'S NATIONAL SECURITY. THE

FRIENDS OF ISRAEL'S RIGHTWINGERS ON THE HILL HAVE INDEED MAINTAINED CONTROL OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE TO MOBILIZE THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY AGAINST ONE OF THE MOST FRIENDLY PRESIDENTS ISRAEL HAS EVER HAD."

IV. "BILL AND BIBI"

ANALYST AKIVA ELDAR WROTE IN INDEPENDENT HA'ARETZ (11/7): "BINYAMIN NETANYAHU YESTERDAY HEAVED A SIGH OF RELIEF. 'PEACE NOW' ENTHUSIAST BILL CLINTON DID BEAT BOB DOLE, BUT REPUBLICANS JESSE HELMS AND BENJAMIN GILMAN, TWO 'SECURE PEACE' SUPPORTERS, KEPT THEIR CONGRESSIONAL SEATS, AS HAD NEW YORK SENATOR ALFONSE D'AMATO, WHO WILL KEEP HARASSING THE PRESIDENT WITH HIS ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPT PRACTICES AT THE WHITE HOUSE. CLINTON IS GOING TO NEED A LOT OF MONEY TO PAY THE EVER GROWING BILLS OF HIS LAWYERS. AND CLINTON KNOWS ONLY TOO WELL THAT GETTING INTO FIGHTS WITH THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER DOES NOT EXACTLY MAKE RICH AMERICAN JEWISH CONTRIBUTORS OPEN THEIR PURSES NETANYAHU'S ASSOCIATES SAY THAT IF THE PRESIDENT PICKS A FIGHT, BIBI WOULD FIGHT BACK. NETANYAHU DID NOT WAIT FOR THE BALLOTS TO CLOSE TO ISSUE A STATEMENT THAT IT IS ISRAEL, AND NOT AN OVERSEAS FRIEND, THAT DECIDES HOW TO GO ABOUT ITS OWN VITAL INTERESTS (DOES THIS ALSO INCLUDE THE HEBRON REDEPLOYMENT?). AMBASSADOR MARTIN INDYK HURRIED TO CABLE THE MESSAGE TO THE WHITE HOUSE."

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1. SUMMARY. THE 28-31 OCT VISIT OF GENERAL WESLEY K. CLARK SIGNIFICANTLY FURTHERED OUR EFFORTS TO ENGAGE WITH THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP OF CHILE. GEN CLARK CLICKED WITH THE CHILEAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP. HE DELIVERED A CONSISTENT MESSAGE THAT WE WANT TO DEAL WITH EACH COUNTRY INDIVIDUALLY, CONSIDERING EACH OTHER-S CONCERNS AND PERSPECTIVES. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE HAD NOT COME TO SEEK CHILE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTER-NARCOTICS BATTLE. HE UNDERLINED THAT THIS DECISION, IN ADDITION TO PARTICIPATION IN PEACE KEEPING OPERATIONS (PKO), SHOULD BE ONE REACHED BY EACH COUNTRY BASED ON ITS OWN PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES. HE MENTIONED, IN EVERY FORUM, THE PROPOSED MULTINATIONAL REGIONAL COUNTER-NARCOTICS COORDINATION CENTER. END OF SUMMARY.

MOD PEREZ YOMA
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2. ON OCTOBER 29 GEN CLARK MET WITH MOD EDMUNDO PEREZ YOMA. TOPICS INCLUDED PKO AND SOUTHCOM EXERCISES, SITUATION UPDATES ON BOSNIA, KOREA AND CHINA. PEREZ YOMA SAID THAT THE GOC'S ANNOUNCEMENT THE FOLLOWING DAY, BY PRESIDENT FREI, OF ITS POLICY ON PKO WOULD BE A CLEAR STATEMENT TO THE MILITARY. (SEE SEPTTEL) THE ANSWER WOULD

NOW BE "YES, BUT . . ." INSTEAD O "NO, BUT . . ." MOD
AND DIRECTOR OF JOINT TAFF COMMENTED ON THE INFLUX OF
CHINESE AND KOREN IMMIGRANTS TO CHILE, AND ATTEMPTS BY
CHINA AD TAIWAN TO BUY CHILEAN INFRASTRUCTURE.

3. URING A 29 OCTOBER LUNCHEON HOSTED BY PEREZ YOMAFOR
SERVICE CINCS, AMBASSADOR AND POLAD, PERE YOMA STRESSED
CHILE-S POSITION ON PURCHASE OFAN ADVANCED FIGHTER
AIRCRAFT. HE STATED THAT HILE WILL BUY, BUT WILL NOT
BECOME A PROTAGONIT IN THE U.S. POLICY MAKING PROCESS.
HE SAD CHILE WILL NOT REQUEST A POLICY REVIEW NOR WILLIT LOBBY FOR THE U.S.

ARMY CINC PINOCHET
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4. A 29 OCTOBER OFFICE CALL WITH GEN PINOCHET INCLUDED A
GREETING OF ENTIRE DELEGATION BY THE GENERAL AND THEN A
PRIVATE MEETING WITH PINOCHET WHICH INCLUDED AMBASSADOR,
POLAD, AND COMUSMILGP. THE INTERCHANGE WAS CORDIAL AND
CENTERED AROUND PROFESSIONAL READING OF MUTUAL INTEREST.
THEN GROUP PASSED TO A MEETING WITH ENTIRE ARMY STAFF.
AROUND THE BIG TABLE CINC SPOKE ABOUT EXERCISES
INCLUDING PKO AND BILATERAL. GEN PINOCHET ASKED ABOUT
AN EXERCISE ORGANIZED BY BRAZIL IN THE ORINOCO AREA.
WHEN THE CINC SPOKE ABOUT THE NEW UNIFIED COMMAND PLAN
WHICH CHANGES HIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, PINOCHET ASKED
WHAT FORCES HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR. WHEN HE RESPONDED
THAT HE IS CONCERNED WITH U.S. FORCES, PINOCHET
COMMENTED THAT IT SEEMED THE U.S. WANTS TO CONTROL ALL
OTHER FORCES AND BECOME INVOLVED IN EVERYTHING. CINC
RESPONDED THAT THOSE ARE THE PROBLEMS WITH HAVING POWER
AND INFLUENCE. HE REITERATED A POINT, MADE OFTEN DURING
VISIT, THAT WE WANT TO WORK WITH EACH COUNTRY
INDIVIDUALLY BASED ON ITS PARTICULAR CONCERNS AND
CIRCUMSTANCES.

NAVY CINC MARTINEZ
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5. A 30 OCTOBER VISIT WITH NAVY IN VALPARAISO INCLUDED
A DETAILED BRIEFING ON NAVAL FORCE STRUCTURE, PROGRAMS,
AND STRATEGY ATTENDED BY SEVERAL OFFICERS OF THE NAVY
STAFF. DISCUSSION INCLUDED PERSONNEL ISSUES AND
EXERCISES WITH THE CHILEANS EMPHASIZING THAT UNITAS
REMAINS A VALUABLE ACTIVITY FOR THEM. THEY SEE UNITAS
EVOLVING AND SERVING A COMPLEMENTARY ROLE TO PACIFIC
EXERCISES SUCH AS TEAMWORK SOUTH. THE ISSUE OF
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION SURFACED IN A DISCUSSION OF
THE LINK 11 TECHNOLOGY. CHILE HAS BEEN "APPROVED" FOR
LINK 11 BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE CONFUSION AS TO WHAT THAT
MEANS AND WHAT IS YET TO BE DONE IN THE APPROVAL PROCESS
OR THE INTERFACE DEVELOPMENT AREA.

6. LUNCH CONVERSATION BETWEEN CINC AND ADM MARTINEZ
BUSCH CENTERED AROUND THE SEPTEMBER JESSE HELMS ARTICLE
ON THE U.N. AND THE DIFFERENT DEMANDS OF CHAPTER 6 AND 7
PKO. AT ONE POINT, WHILE TALKING ABOUT THE NATION-
STATE AS A CONCEPT AND ENTITY, ADM MARTINEZ CHOSE TO
MAKE A POINT IN SPANISH. REFERRING TO THE U.N.
CHARTERED MANDATE AGAINST INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL

AFFAIRS OF NATION STATES, HE SUBMITTED THAT THROUGHOUT THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETIES AND NATIONS THERE HAVE BEEN DEVASTATING AND DISASTROUS OCCURRENCES WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN NECESSARY, ALTHOUGH HORRIBLE AND UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 SANTIAGO 004827

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UNFORTUNATE, IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE SOCIETIES. HE THEN POSED THE QUESTION WHETHER MAYBE HISTORY WOULD SHOW THAT WE SHOULD NOT INTERFERE. CINC RESPONDED THAT HE ENTERED HIS PREVIOUS DUTIES IN THE JOINT STAFF CONVINCED WE SHOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN RWANDA, BUT CHANGED HIS MIND AFTER FULLY APPRECIATING THE CARNAGE THAT OCCURRED AND HOW IT WAS METHODICALLY PLANNED. THE CINC FULLY SUPPORTED THE U.S. AND U.N. INVOLVEMENT ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. (COMMENT: THIS WAS THE FIRST VISIT OF CINC TO VALPARAISO IN SEVERAL YEARS, BOTH VISITS OF PREVIOUS CINC DID NOT INCLUDE VALPO; A GOOD DEMONSTRATION OF HIS DESIRE TO REACH OUT. IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT THAT ADM MARTINEZ WAS IN SANTIAGO THE MORNING OF 30 OCTOBER FOR THE PKO ANNOUNCEMENT AND RUSHED BACK TO VALPARAISO TO HOST THIS LUNCHEON.)

AF CINC ROJAS

7. CINC CALL ON CHILEAN AIR FORCE COMMANDER GEN ROJAS ON AFTERNOON OF 30 OCTOBER WAS VERY CORDIAL AND SUBSTANTIVE. GEN ROJAS STATED HIS DESIRE TO WORK WITH THE U.S. AND SAID THAT "WE IN THE AIR FORCE" ARE ONE OF YOUR BEST FRIENDS IN THE REGION. OTHER TOPICS WERE POTENTIAL EXERCISE AND PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES. CINC PROPOSED A POSSIBLE AIR EXERCISE WITH ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL IN EARLY 1997. THIS WAS MET WITH THE SUGGESTION BY ROJAS THAT THEY COULD COMMIT FOUR AIRCRAFT AND A TANKER. GEN ROJAS OFFERED A STAFF OFFICER FOR ANY FUTURE PROJECT. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT CURRENT PLANS FOR U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM PANAMA. CINC SUGGESTED THAT CHILE SHOULD SUPPORT THE PROPOSED MULTINATIONAL COUNTER NARCOTICS COORDINATION CENTER SINCE THAT WOULD ALLOW CONTINUED MILITARY PRESENCE AND THUS ENABLE PANAMA TO ASK U.S. TO MAINTAIN FORCES IN THE COUNTRY. ON THE TOPIC OF THE MULTINATIONAL REGIONAL COUNTER NARCOTICS COORDINATION CENTER, GEN ROJAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IT HAD BEEN PRESENTED IN A WAY THAT DEMANDED PARTICIPATION AT THE EXPENSE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. HE FEELS IT SHOULD BE A VOLUNTARY COOPERATIVE EFFORT AND INDICATED THAT CHILE COULD CONTRIBUTE ITS AWACS AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN NORTHERN CHILE.

JOINT STAFF CHIEF TAPIA

8. ON 29 OCTOBER AN EXTENDED (ROUND TABLE) OFFICE CALL WAS HELD WITH THE CHILEAN JOINT STAFF INCLUDING DIRECTOR, VICE DIRECTOR, STAFF OFFICERS AND MIN FOREIGN

AFFAIRS REP. TOPICS RANGED FROM A REPORT ON MOMEF TO PKO AND THE DETAILS OF THE REGIONAL COUNTER- NARCOTICS COORDINATION CENTER. MUCH DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE MOMEF HELO MISSION AND THE DETAILS OF WHO WILL PERFORM THE MISSION, OR, MORE POINTEDLY, WHO WILL GET THE HELOS. GEN TAPIA (DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF) REMINDED CINC THAT MOD PEREZ YOMA HAD OFFERED FOR CHILE TO PERFORM THE MISSION. CINC STATED THAT, ALTHOUGH MANY DECISIONS WERE YET TO BE MADE, THIS SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS POINT SINCE BRAZIL WAS LINING UP FOR THE MISSION AND CHILE HAD DEMURRED ON A COMBINED EFFORT WITH BRAZIL. THE QUESTION OF AIR ASSETS ASSIGNED TO THE REGIONAL COORDINATION CENTER ALSO AROSE. CINC INDICATED THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT ASSETS MIGHT BE PROVIDED BY LONG TERM LEASES TO PARTICIPATING NATIONS.

NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE ADDRESS
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9. ON 29 OCT THE CINC ADDRESSED ANEPE (ACADEMIA NACIONAL DE ESTUDIOS POLITICOS Y ESTRATEGICOS) ON PERSPECTIVES ON THE REGION WITH AN AUDIENCE OF 150 MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP AND PRESS. IN THE PREPARED REMARKS AND IN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE GEN CLARK SAID THAT THE U.S. PERCEIVES EACH COUNTRY INDIVIDUALLY WITH ITS SEPARATE CONCERNS AND PERSPECTIVES. EACH MUST MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN COUNTER NARCOTICS OPERATIONS AND PKO BASED ON ITS SPECIFIC CONCERNS AND SOVEREIGN NEEDS. U.S. SEEKS TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN OUR MILITARY TO MILITARY, CONTACT, TRANSPARENCY AND COOPERATION. CHILE HAS AN ENVIABLE RECORD IN ITS ECONOMIC AND DEMOCRATIC GROWTH. WE WOULD LIKE TO INVOLVE THE CHILEAN MILITARY IN ALL OF OUR MULTILATERAL EXERCISES, ESPECIALLY THOSE ON PKO.

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10. FROM A PUBLIC AFFAIRS PERSPECTIVE, GENERAL CLARK'S FOUR DAY VISIT TO CHILE WAS A SUCCESSFUL ONE THAT UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 SANTIAGO 004827

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GENERATED POSITIVE AND SUBSTANTIVE REPORTING. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, THE MOST IMPORTANT MEDIA EVENT WAS CLARK'S EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH NEWSPAPER-OF-RECORD, CONSERVATIVE, INFLUENTIAL "EL MERCURIO." DURING THE INTERVIEW, WHICH RAN IN THE SUNDAY IN-DEPTH REPORTING SECTION NOV. 3, THE GENERAL PROVIDED THOUGHTFUL AND DETAILED RESPONSES TO A RANGE OF QUESTIONS ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE ISSUES. TOPICS COVERED INCLUDED U.S. ARMS SALES POLICY, CIVILIAN-MILITARY RELATIONS, AND THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS. USIS ALSO APPRECIATED GEN CLARK'S WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH THE PRESS CORPS AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. ALL MAJOR SANTIAGO DAILIES CARRIED STORIES OCTOBER 30 BASED

ON THAT NEWS CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH THE SESSION WAS BRIEFER THAN PLANNED, THE MEDIA WERE WELL REPRESENTED AND THEIR QUESTIONS ALLOWED THE GENERAL TO ADDRESS SEVERAL MAJOR ISSUES. GEN CLARK'S OCTOBER 31 SPEECH ALSO RECEIVED GOOD, SUMMARY COVERAGE IN "EL MERCURIO" ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

COMMENT: AN IMPORTANT STIMULUS FOR MILITARY ENGAGEMENT

11. THIS VISIT GAVE GOOD IMPETUS TO OUR MILITARY TO MILITARY CONTACTS AND DEMONSTRATED THE CINC'S INTEREST IN CHILE. THE EFFECTS OF ITS ALMOST COINCIDENTAL TIMING WITH THE VISIT OF FIDEL CASTRO WILL BE INTERESTING TO OBSERVE. HIS MESSAGE AND POSITIVE HANDLING OF SOME SENSITIVE QUESTIONS WERE DEFINITELY VERY POSITIVE. THE ONLY DOWNSIDE IS THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT STAFF, GEN TAPIA, WILL MOVE BACK TO A POSITION IN THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE IN JANUARY AND A CONNECTION WITH THE NEW DIRECTOR WILL HAVE TO BE GENERATED THROUGH OTHER AVENUES. HOWEVER, GEN CLARK MET A BROAD SPECTRUM OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHILEAN MILITARY AND SOME OF THE NATIONS POLITICAL AND ACADEMIC LEADERS. MANY CHILEANS MET THE GENERAL THROUGH THE PRESS COVERAGE. HIS APPRECIATION OF THE AREA AND ITS SPECIAL ISSUES, AND HIS DESIRE TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT WAS OBVIOUS IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE VISIT. INTERESTINGLY, THE TOPIC OF U.S. POLICY IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER OF ADVNCD WEAPON SYSTEMS DID NOT COME UP IN OFFICE CALLS OR WORKING MEETINGS. WE DEEM THE VISIT A GREAT SUCCESS AND VERY HELPFUL IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OUR OVERALL MISSION GOALS.

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1. 1. SUMMARY. U.S. OSCE DELREPS MET WITH BULGARIAN OSCE MISSION REPS TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN BULGARIA. U.S. DELREPS STRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER REFUSAL TO REGISTER VARIOUS NON-TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS. THE BULGARIAN DELREP EXPLAINED THE GOB'S OBJECTION TO CERTAIN RELIGIONS AND SUGGESTED A DRAFT LAW THAT MAY EASE REGISTRATION RESTRICTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON NOVEMBER 8, DRL/BA OFFICER FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND DAVID LITTLE, A RELIGION EXPERT FROM THE U.S. INSTITUTE FOR PEACE, MET ON THE MARGINS OF THE OSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE IN VIENNA WITH MINKO NOEV AND KOSTADIN KODJABASHEV OF THE BULGARIAN MISSION, TO CONVEY U.S. CONCERN OVER THE TREATMENT OF THE CHURCH OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES AND THE WORD OF LIFE CHURCH, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DENIED REGISTRATION IN BULGARIA. PASTOR DONOVAN A. LARKINS OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE CENTER IN OHIO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A VISIT WITH GEORGE BAKALOV OF THE WORD OF LIFE CHURCH IN SOFIA AND REPORTED TO SEN. JESSE HELMS AND THE DEPARTMENT THAT CHURCH MEMBERS ARE FREQUENTLY HARASSED AND BEATEN. DELREPS INFORMED MISSION REPS THAT RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION OF THE SORT DESCRIBED BY PASTOR LARKINS WOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. DELREPS EXPLAINED THE USG TREATMENT OF RELIGION NOTING THAT A POLICY OF REGISTERING RELIGIONS CREATED THE POTENTIAL FOR PREJUDICE.

3. NOEV JUSTIFIED RESTRICTIONS AGAINST THE CHURCH OF

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES ON THE GROUNDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND NATIONAL SECURITY SINCE MEMBERS REJECT BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS AND REFUSE TO SERVE IN THE ARMY. HE SAID THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF A PATIENT'S CAPACITY TO REJECT BLOOD ON HIS OR HER OWN BEHALF, HOSPITAL OFFICIALS' MEDICAL JUDGMENT PREVAILED OVER THE REQUESTS OF THE PATIENT'S FAMILY; THE LACK OF A PROVISION FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION TO MILITARY SERVICE MEANT ALL HAD TO SERVE IN THE ARMY WITHOUT EXCEPTION. NOEV RESERVED ESPECIALLY HARSH CRITICISM FOR PASTOR BAKALOV AND THE WORD OF LIFE CHURCH. HE REFERRED TO BAKALOV AS A "SHAMELESS SCOUNDREL" WHO PREYED UPON THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS VULNERABLE IN THE WAKE OF ECONOMIC DESPAIR. HE SAID THAT BAKALOV BRAINWASHED YOUNG MEMBERS, DENIED PARENTS RIGHTFUL ACCESS TO THEIR CHILDREN, AND WAS IMPLICATED IN THE SUICIDES OF TWO YOUTHS.

4. WHILE HE MAINTAINED THAT THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PUBLIC OR PRIVATE MEETINGS OF UNREGISTERED RELIGIOUS GROUPS WAS ENFORCED SPORADICALLY AT BEST, LOEV SUGGESTED DRAFT LEGISLATION WOULD APPLY A SINGLE STANDARD TO ALL RELIGIONS AND THUS SHOULD EASE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST NON-TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT BULGARIA'S IMPENDING TRANSITION TO A PROFESSIONAL ARMY WOULD RELIEVE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES OF THEIR CURRENT DILEMMA PERTAINING TO MILITARY SERVICE.

5. COMMENT: BULGARIAN MISSION REPS WERE SENSITIVE TO, IF SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVE ABOUT, U.S. CONCERNS RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS AGAINST RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN BULGARIA. THEY BOASTED THAT BULGARIA NOW RECOGNIZED OVER 70 RELIGIOUS GROUPS, INCLUDING MORMONS WHO FREELY PROSELYTIZE IN PUBLIC AREAS, WHEREAS ONLY SEVEN YEARS AGO IT RECOGNIZED MERE HANDFUL. LOEV EVEN REMARKED THAT HE HAD AN UNCLE WHO WAS AN EVANGELICAL MINISTER. HE CONCEDED THAT THE BULGARIAN POPULATION HARBORED DEEP-SEATED MISGIVINGS ABOUT NON-TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS GROUPS THAT WERE REENFORCED BY AN ORTHODOX CHURCH BIAS AGAINST SUCH GROUPS. NONETHELESS, HE SAID THAT HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT LEGISLATION PROPOSING TO SUSPEND THE APPLICATION OF SEPARATE STANDARDS TO NON-TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS WOULD IMPROVE THE CLIMATE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN BULGARIA. END COMMENT.

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A. LEAD STORIES SUMMARY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1996

HEADLINES"CLINTON BLOCKS
BOUTROS GHALI'S REELECTION WITH A VETO" (FRANKFURTER
ALLGEMEINE)

"UNITED STATES CREATES U.N. CRISIS WITH VETO AGAINST
BOUTROS GHALI" (SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG)

"KANTHER: TOUGHER ACTION AGAINST MAFIA GANGS" (DIE WELT)

"MEDIATORS RECEIVED FIVE-DIGIT SUMS" (FRANKFURTER
RUNDSCHAU)

"UNITED STATES USES RIGHT TO VETO AGAINST BOUTROS GHALI"
(GENERAL-ANZEIGER)

EDITORIALS ARE CONCENTRATED ON THE U.S. VETO AGAINST
THE REELECTION OF BOUTROS GHALI AND THE VERDICT AGAINST
THE HIJACKER OF A LUFTHANSA AIRLINER IN 1977. ZDF-TV'S
EARLY EVENING NEWSCAST HEUTE OPENED WITH PRESIDENT
HERZOG'S VISIT TO CHINA, WHILE ARD-TV'S EARLY EVENING
NEWSCAST TAGESSCHAU DEALT WITH THE VERDICT AGAINST
PALESTINIAN SOUHALIA ANDRAWES.

B. (U.S.-U.N.) SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. ROLF SEELMANN-EGGEBERT COMMENTED ON ARD-TV'S
(NATIONAL CHANNEL ONE) LATE EVENING NEWSCAST TAGESTHEMEN
(11/20):

"THE REFUSAL OF THE UNITED STATES TO REELECT BOUTROS
GHALI HIDES A GREAT DEAL OF SUPERPOWER ARROGANCE. BY
WITHHOLDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS THAT
AMOUNT TO DM 2.1 BILLION, IT IS RESTRICTING THE LATITUDE
OF THE U.N. IN AN INTOLERABLE MANNER. AND IF THE GLOBAL
ORGANIZATION IS TO DEVELOP FUTURE-ORIENTED PERSPECTIVES,
IT MUST LITERALLY BEG FOR FUNDS WITH U.S. ENDOWMENTS,
SINCE IT DOES NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY MEANS THANKS TO THE
SAVINGS MEASURES THAT WERE IMPOSED ON IT....

"IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT BOUTROS GHALI HAS NOT
ALWAYS HAD A LUCKY HAND. BUT THE MISSION OF THE UNITED
NATIONS IN SOMALIA, AND IN BOSNIA ARE NO GLORIOUS PAGES
OF THE HISTORY OF THE U.N., BUT THE U.N.

SECRETARY-GENERAL CAN BE ONLY AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE
COMMUNITY OF NATIONS ALLOWS HIM TO BE. AND IT HAS BECOME
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VERY CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES WANTED A DOCILE
ADMINISTRATOR IN NEW YORK RATHER THAN A DIPLOMAT WHO
WANTED TO ACT. IN VIEW OF CIVIL WAR CRISES THAT SPREAD
LIKE BUSH FIRES ON THE PLANET...THIS WOULD CERTAINLY BE
THE WRONG CRITERIA FOR A U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL. THIS IS
WHY TODAY WAS A BLACK DAY ON EAST RIVER FOR THE UNITED
NATIONS AS WELL AS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS."

2. KLAUS-DIETER FRANKENBERGER WRITES IN AN
EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE
(11/20) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"AMERICAN NJET."

"IN THE CASE AMERICA AGAINST BOUTROS GHALI (AND THE
REST OF THE WORLD), THE GOVERNMENT IN WASH
INGTON IS NOW
REFERRING TO AN ARGUMENT THAT RESEMBLES BLACKMAIL, BUT
NEVERTHELESS, REFLECTS THE MOOD IN CONGRESS
APPROPRIATELY. AS LONG AS THE UNPOPULAR EGYPTIAN STAYS
IN OFFICE, THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY WILL NOT APPROVE THE
FUNDS TO REPAY U.S. DEBTS IN THE U.N. IF SENATOR JESSE
HELMS, THE OLD AND PROBABLY NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE'S
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, HAD THE SAY, THE UNITED
STATES SHOULD NOT ONLY VETO GHALI'S SECOND TERM BUT ALSO
LEAVE THE ORGANIZATION. HE CONSIDERS THE U.N. TO BE
POWER-HUNGRY AND A THREAT TO AMERICA.... BILL CLINTON
WILL NOT FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FANATIC
UNILATERALIST, BUT DESPITE HIS REELECTION, CLINTON'S
WELL-KNOWN FLEXIBILITY DOES NOT GO SO FAR AS TO BE
INDULGENT WITH BOUTROS GHALI WITH WHOM THE UNITED STATES
HAS NOT HAD BAD EXPERIENCES."

3. STEFAN KORNELIUS OPINES IN AN EDITORIAL IN
CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (11/20) UNDER THE
HEADLINE:

"PRICE OF DEFEAT."

"WHAT TAKES PLACE TODAY DURING THE ELECTION OF A U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH RATIONALITY. WITH STUBBORNNESS THAT HAS HARDLY BEEN DEMONSTRATED BEFORE LINKED TO SELF-RIGHTEOUS VANITY, THE UNITED STATES AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ORCHESTRATED A SHOWDOWN. BOUTROS GHALI GOT THE CONFIDENCE OF THE WORLD MINUS THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS NOT ENOUGH FOR A SECOND PERIOD. WITH A SENSE OF EQUANIMITY, GHALI SHOULD NOW BID FAREWELL TO HIS OFFICE, KNOWING THAT THIS GESTURE WOULD HUMILIATE THE UNITED STATES MORE THAN THE TOUGH STRUGGLE WHICH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CANNOT WIN. GHALI CAN FEEL AS THE MORAL WINNER. HE HAS TURNED INTO A VICTIM OF U.S. GLOBAL POLICY THAT IS SOAKED WITH NATIONALIST AND ISOLATIONIST ELEMENTS...."

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4. CENTRIST DER TAGESSPIEGEL OF BERLIN (11/20)
NOTES UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"THE U.S. KNOW-IT-ALL."

"EVEN SUPERPOWERS MAKE MISTAKES. BILL CLINTON TRIED TO SACRIFICE BOUTROS GHALI ON THE ALTAR OF ELECTION TACTICAL OPPORTUNISM - BUT CLINTON WILL ONLY TURN INTO A VICTIM HIMSELF. THE MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE IS PLAYING A RISKY GAME AND SHOULD KNOW THAT HE AND HIS NATION COULD CONSIDERABLY LOSE. IT IS NICE TO HEAR THE SONG, AMERICA YOU HAVE IT BETTER' BUT AMERICA, YOU KNOW IT BETTER,' SOUNDS VERY UGLY FOR MANY PEOPLE. 14 : 1 IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS EVEN FOR A SUPERPOWER NO COMFORTABLE POSITION - AND THIS WILL BE EVEN MORE SO, ALTHOUGH WASHINGTON, ON CLOSER INSPECTION, HAS THE LAW ON ITS SIDE. THE UNITED STATES IS POLITICALLY ISOLATED, AND CLINTON WILL NOT GET TOO MUCH ASSISTANCE IN HIS SEARCH FOR A WAY OUT."

5. JOCHEN SIEMENS HAS THIS TO SAY IN AN EDITORIAL IN LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (11/20) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"AGAINST THE WORLD."

"THE U.S. VETO AGAINST BOUTROS GHALI'S REELECTION AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS PLUNGING THE U.N. INTO AN UNNECESSARY CRISIS. IN SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR, PRESIDENT CLINTON SAID THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER BEFORE,' BUT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, THE ONE OF THE SENATE IN PARTICULAR, OFTEN SPEAKS A UNILATERAL LANGUAGE (HELMS-BURTON ACT). THIS IS WHY IN NEW YORK, IT IS NOT THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL WHO IS ISOLATED BUT THE UNITED STATES ITSELF. IT IS HARD TO FIND A WAY OUT. BOUTROS GHALI HAS BEEN VOTED OUT OF OFFICE, THE U.N. IS PARALYZED, AND NEW CANDIDATES WILL LIVE IN THE CERTAINTY THAT NOBODY WANTS THEM APART FROM ONE NATION."

6. RIGHT-OF-CENTER BADISCHE NEUESTE NACHRICHTEN OF KARLSRUHE (11/20) NOTES:

"THE U.S. DELEGATIONS PUT ON RECORD THAT THE FINANCIAL MISERY OF THE UNITED NATIONS COULD BE RESOLVED ONLY WITH A NEW MAN AT THE TOP. BUT IT HAS THE UNITED STATES WHICH CREATED THE CRISIS BY WITHHOLDING CONTRIBUTIONS AMOUNTING TO DM 1.5 BILLION. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BLOATED FOR YEARS AND THAT MONEY HAS WASTED.. AND UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE UNITED STATES IN PARTICULAR, BOUTROS GHALI PUT ON THE SPENDING BRAKE THUS FULFILLING DEMANDS FROM THE WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT. BUT IN WASHINGTON, NOBODY GIVES HIM ANY CREDIT FOR THIS. THE UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 BONN 017224

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U.S. GOVERNMENT WANTS TO SET AN EXAMPLE AND UNDERMINE ITS POSITION AS SUPERPOWER, IRRESPECTIVE WHETHER THIS WILL RESULT IN A LOSS OF SUPPORT."

7. RIGHT-OF-CENTER NUERNBERGER ZEITUNG (11/20 STATES:

"WITH ITS VETO, THE UNITED STATES HAS ISOLATED ITSELF TOWARDS ITS ALLIES - HOPEFULLY THIS WILL NOT BE A BAD OMEN FOR FUTURE TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS."

C. (AFRICA) GREAT LAKES CONFLICT

1. MICHAEL FRANZKE COMMENTED ON REGIONAL RADIO STATION SENDER FREIES BERLIN (11/19):

"IS AN INTERNATIONAL U.N. FORCE REALLY NECESSARY? SOME OF THEM, INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA, ARE WITHDRAWING THEIR PROMISES. OTHERS, MAINLY CANADA AND FRANCE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER SUCH A PROTECTIVE FORCE TO BE NECESSARY. THE MAJORITY, AMONG THEM THE IMPORTANT AMERICANS, WANT TO RETHINK THE MISSION AND WAIT FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. AND ALL THREE HAVE GOOD REASONS FOR THEIR VIEWS.... IT IS LIKELY THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 20 GOVERNMENTS THAT WILL MEET AT THE U.S. HEADQUARTERS IN STUTTGART WILL SEARCH FOR A COMPROMISE.... IT IS A STRANGE WORLD: ALL OF A SUDDEN, ONLY THE POLITICAL SURVIVAL ARTIST MOBUTU IS INTERESTED IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF U.N. FORCES IN ZAIRE. HE COULD THEN HIDE THE FACT THAT HE NO LONGER HAS ANY CONTROL OVER THE REGION."

2. MICHAEL BIRNBAUM HAS THIS TO SAY IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (11/20) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"A PROTECTIVE FORCE WITHOUT A TASK."

"ANY INTERVENTION FROM THE OUTSIDE, EVEN UNDER HUMANITARIAN CONDITIONS, WOULD HAVE FROZEN THE STATUS QUO. IN THAT CASE, IT WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED THE VIEW OF THE HUTU MILITIA GROUPS. THIS IS WHY RWANDA HAS ALWAYS HAD A HESITANT VIEW REGARDING PROTECTIVE FORCES AND IS NOW CONSIDERING SUCH A FORCE TO BE SUPERFLUOUS. THIS IS WHY THE ZAIRIAN REBELS ACT AS UNCOOPERATIVE TOWARDS A NEUTRAL INTERVENTION. THEY WANT TO CHANGE THE STATUS QUO. CANADA WAS AND IS STILL WILLING TO LEAD THE MULTINATIONAL PEACE FORCE. ITS DEFENSE MINISTER YOUNG GAVE ASSURANCES THAT WE DO NOT GO TO PLACES WHERE WE ARE NOT LIKED.' HE SHOULD FORMULATE THIS PHRASE AS A QUESTION: WHO REALLY WANTS THE PROTECTIVE FORCE ANY LONGER?"

3. ADRIAN ZIELCKE JUDGES IN AN EDITORIAL IN CENTRIST STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG (11/20) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

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"UNWANTED HELPERS."

"THE QUESTION HAS NOW BEEN RAISED WHETHER AN INTERNATIONAL PROTECTIVE FORCE IS REALLY NECESSARY, SINCE NO STATE HAS THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST IN SEEING ITS FORCES INVOLVED IN FIGHTING OVER CHRISTMAS..... THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES CONSIDERS THE PROTECTIVE FORCE STILL NECESSARY...SINCE THIS FORCE IS TO OPEN ACCESS TO THE REMAINING REFUGEE CAMPS. BUT THIS WOULD MEAN BLOODSHED WITH AN UNCERTAIN OUTCOME.

"FRENCH PRESIDENT CHIRAC CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A PROTECTIVE FORCE, BUT THE FRENCH IN PARTICULAR ARE UNINVITED GUESTS IN AFRICA. NOBODY IS WILLING TO ACCEPT THAT THEY WANT TO COME ONLY TO HELP.... THE CONTINENT HAS NOT FORGOTTEN ITS NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE EUROPEANS. IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, THERE IS MOUNTING INSIGHT THAT THE PROTECTIVE FORCE HAS BECOME SUPERFLUOUS. IT HAS NO CLEAR MANDATE AND THE SITUATION BETWEEN FRIEND AND FOE IS EXTREMELY CONFUSING. THE DANGER FOR LIFE AND LIMB OF THE HELPERS IS UNPREDICTABLE. GOOD WILL ALONE TO HELP THE PEOPLE IS NOT ENOUGH. THE RETURN OF THE REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMES MAKES ITS EASIER TO GIVE UP THE IDEA OF AN UNLOVED PROTECTIVE FORCE."

D. (BELARUS) MOUNTING TENSIONS

1. WERNER ADAM HAS THIS TO SAY ON THE FRONT PAGE OF RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (11/20) UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"ALARM IN MINSK."

"THE FACT THAT BELARUS IS WITNESSING A REVOLT THAT EVEN MAKES NEIGHBORING RUSSIA AND THE WEST IN PARTICULAR WONDER ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THIS SOVIET SUCCESSOR STATE MUST BE A
TTRIBUTED MAINLY TO POWER HUNGRY PRESIDENT LUKASHENKO. SO FAR HE, WHO WANTS TO LEAD THE COUNTRY BACK TO THE GREATER RUSSIAN FOLD...HAS CAUSED PROTESTS FROM THE WHOLE PARLIAMENT RANGING FROM NATIONALISTS AND COMMUNISTS.... BUT AS MUCH AS HE MAY BE UNDER PRESSURE, HIS CHANCES TO WIN A REFERENDUM ON THE EXTENSION OF HIS PRESIDENTIAL RULE ARE NOT BAD.... HOWEVER, HIS POLITICAL SURVIVAL IS ALSO AT STAKE AFTER HIS GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO CHANGE CAMPS. EVEN BORIS YELTSIN HAS NOW TAKEN THE FLOOR AND AMERICANS AND BRITISH HAVE ALSO USED PLAIN LANGUAGE. FROM AN INTERNATIONAL POINT OF VIEW, BELARUS MAY NOT BE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE, BUT UNLIKE UKRAINE, IT

CONTINUES TO POSSESS NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM SOVIET TIMES,
BECAUSE ITS UNPREDICTABLE PRESIDENT SERIOUSLY THINKS THAT
HE HAS A TRUMP CARD AGAINST NATO'S ENLARGEMENT TO THE
EAST IN HIS HANDS."

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2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER MAERKISCHE ODERZEITUNG OF
FRANKFURT ON THE ODER (11/20) JUDGES:

"LUKASHENKO USED MUCH HARSHER WORDS THAN HIS
COLLEAGUE BORIS YELTSIN AGAINST NATO'S ENLARGEMENT TO THE
EAST. THIS IS EVEN ODD TO THE KREMLIN. SOME
INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES ARE STILL DEPLOYED IN BELARUS.
THE GOVERNMENT IN MOSCOW WANTS TO TRANSPORT THESE LAST
RELICS FROM SOVIET TIMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO RUSSIA.
BUT LUKASHENKO ALREADY THREATENED TO SUSPEND THE
WITHDRAWAL. IF HE REALIZES THIS THREAT, HIS DAYS AS
BELARUS'S LEADER SHOULD BE NUMBERED."

3. RIGHT-OF-CENTER MAIN-ECHO OF ASCHAFFENBURG
(11/20) WRITES:

"AS OF MONDAY, LUKASHENKO WILL RULE WITH A
DICTATORSHIP. THE OPPOSITION MOVEMENT HAS ORGANIZED
ITSELF MUCH TOO LATE.... WHILE LUKASHENKO WORKED FOR HIS
ABSOLUTE RULE DAY BY DAY, HIS CRITICS MAINLY CRITICIZED
THEMSELVES. THEY ARE NOW FOOTING THE BILL. ON SUNDAY,
THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENT WILL BE EXTENDED WITHOUT
FURTHER ELECTIONS, BUT HIS DICTATORSHIP WILL ALSO BE
EXTENDED TO ALL FORMS OF LIFE. THE DESIGNATED
BENEFICIARY OF A BLOODLESS COUP CAN NOW SIT OUT THE
HECTIC PROTESTS IN A QUIET MANNER."

E. (SERBIA) LOCAL ELECTIONS

CARL GUSTAF STROEHM DECLARES IN AN EDITORIAL IN
LEFT-OF-CENTER RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN (11/20)
UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"SERBIAN WRITING ON THE WALL."

"ALMOST UNNOTICED BY THE WEST, AN - ALMOST
REVOLUTIONARY - CHANGE TOOK PLACE IN SERBIA. THE LEADING
SERBIAN SOCIALISTS UNDER SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC SUFFERED A
GRAVE DEFEAT.... IN ALL BIG SERBIAN CITIES, MILOSEVIC'S
SUPPORTERS LOST THEIR MAJORITY.... THE BEGINNING OF LOSS
OF POWER OF MILOSEVIC'S POST-COMMUNISTS SIGNALS A TREND
THAT IS MANIFESTING ITSELF EVERYWHERE IN EASTERN AND
CENTRAL EUROPE. NEO-COMMUNISTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER
THEY RULED IN SERBIA OR WHETHER THEY TOOK OVER POWER
AGAIN AFTER LIBERAL OR NATIONAL PARTIES WERE VOTED OUT OF
OFFICE - ARE ALL OF A SUDDEN LOSING SUPPORT.

"THE PEOPLE HAVE REALIZED THAT THEIR SITUATION DOES
NOT IMPROVE WITH DEMAGOGY AND THAT POST- AND
NEO-COMMUNISTS ALSO ONLY BOIL WATER. THUS A
COUNTER-MOVEMENT IS DEVELOPING FROM THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL.
IN SERBIA, THIS WILL LEAD TO PROFOUND CHANGES. IN THIS
CASE, ONE THING MUST BE ADDED: THE SERBIAN VOTERS ARE
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BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT MILOSEVIC WILL LEAD THEM INTO A
DEAD END STREET. AFTER THE DREAM OF GREATER SERBIA IS
NOW OVER, THE ORDINARY PEOPLE ARE RECOGNIZING THEIR
DESPERATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION. AFTER THE
ELECTION VICTORY, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OPPOSITION
SUPPORTERS SHOUTED: SLOBO, GO OUT.' THIS IS WRITING ON
THE WALL FOR SERBIA'S 'STRONG MAN' MILOSEVIC."
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1. MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, "EL TIEMPO," THE LEADING NEWSPAPER INBOGOTA, PUBLISH JESSE HELMS GAVE TO THE COLOMBIAN MAGAZINE, "CROMOS." THE EDITION OF "CROMOS" WITH THE INTERVIEW HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED, SO THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF WHAT APPEARED IN "EL TIEMPO." EMBASSY WILL FAX THE ARTICLE ITSELF, WHEN IT IS PUBLISHED.

2. ACCORDING TO "EL TIEMPO," SENATOR HELMS ACCUSES VARIOUS HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT SAMPER, OF "BEING IN BED WITH THE DRUG CARTELS." HELMS SUPPORTS THE COLOMBIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST THE NARCOTRAFFICKERS, BUT REGRETS THAT CERTAIN HIGH OFFICIALS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT "HAVE TIES WITH THE NARCOTRAFFICKERS."

3. HELMS REPORTEDLY TOLD "CROMOS" THAT THE PROPOSED LAWS REGARDING ASSET FORFEITURE AND EXTRADITION ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD UP IN CONGRESS AND THAT SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE UNDER MAFIA CONTROL. HE WENT ON TO PREDICT THAT COLOMBIA WILL NOT BE RECERTIFIED IN MARCH OF 1997, AND ASSERTED THAT SANCTIONS SHOULD BE APPLIED, ALTHOUGH NOT IN THE FLORAL SECTOR. HELMS ALSO RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT MORE GOC OFFICIALS WOULD LOSE VISAS AND SAID THAT WHEN PRESIDENT CLINTON HAD REVOKED PRESIDENT SAMPER'S VISA, HELMS HAD ASKED THAT 25 MORE GOC OFFICIALS LOSE THEIRS AS WELL. HE DOUBTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A COUP D'ETAT, SAYING THAT THE MILITARY WAS "NOT READY TO DESTROY THE LONG RULE OF CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP AND DEMOCRACY". FRECHETTE

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